

## MOTION

The 710 North Freeway Extension Project has been a community issue in El Sereno for the past 60 years, posing an existential threat to the health and well-being of the residents of El Sereno. In order to build the freeway, Caltrans began acquiring hundreds of parcels along the corridor in preparation for the freeway extension. Caltrans has served as the landlord for these parcels, gradually allowing them to go vacant over the years. Many of the houses have become run down due to a lack of proper maintenance and have been deemed uninhabitable.

However, on August 6, 2019, Caltrans signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the SR-710 North Gap Closure Project. The ROD identified the TSM/TDM as the preferred alternative, effectively terminating the proposed freeway extension. Since the ROD has been recorded, Caltrans has no need for the parcels that were acquired in order to build the original freeway extension.

These vacant homes and parcels represent a significant amount of land in the eastern section of El Sereno that, upon repair, provide an immediate opportunity to provide housing for unhoused Angelenos. At the same time, the parcels also present a unique opportunity to provide long term affordable housing and community amenities to the residents of El Sereno. The city is in a unique position to lease the homes for temporary housing while at the same time working with the local community to identify long term uses for all of these parcels.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with assistance of necessary departments, be instructed to evaluate the availability of CDBG-CV funding, Quimby, and Measure A local return, and other available sources, to fund the leasing, community outreach, and eventual purchase of all properties identified as suitable for housing or other community uses; and

I FURTHER MOVE that Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) and the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), in partnership with the Department of General Services and Department of Recreation and Parks as needed, be instructed to immediately begin negotiating leases with Caltrans for all vacant 710 North Freeway Extension homes and parcels within the City of Los Angeles; and

I FURTHER MOVE that HACLA, in coordination with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, be instructed to house tenants in each unit no later than fifteen days after they are deemed habitable with priority given to El Sereno unhoused residents; and

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I FURTHER MOVE that Department of City Planning (DCP), in coordination with HCID and the Department of Recreation and Parks, conduct a community outreach and engagement plan with El Sereno residents and stakeholders to solicit feedback on the best long term use of all leased parcels and report back to Council with a report detailing the recommended uses for each parcel.

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