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Since 1961, the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) has operated the Watts Towers Arts Center Campus, and the later-built Charles Mingus Youth Arts Center. The Center is located in the heart of Watts on a campus that includes Simon Rodia's Watts Towers, and provides programs designed for cultural enrichment, including classes for both teachers and students in painting, sculpture, photography, music, dance, gardening, tiling, and other multi-media arts. In addition, tours, and lectures, as well as permanent and changing exhibitions by outstanding local and international artists, are offered year-round.

Recently, it has come to the attention of DCA that the property owner of the property located at 1701-1703 E. 107th Street, a privately-owned property located within the Watts Towers Art Center Campus, may be interested in selling their property to the City. This is an opportunity for the City to acquire a vital piece of property in the Watts Towers Arts Center Campus, and this acquisition would enable DCA to enhance the visitor experience.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of General Services (GSD), with the assistance of the City Attorney and Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA), BE INSTRUCTED to negotiate a purchase and sale agreement with the owner(s) of the real property located at 1701-1703 E. 107th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90002, APN No. 6065-034-019, and to report to the Council with the purchase price and other terms and conditions of this acquisition.

I FURTHER MOVE that GSD and DCA BE INSTRUCTED to conduct all required due diligence, including but not limited to, a Class "A" appraisal of this property.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer BE INSTRUCTED to identify and recommend potential sources of funds for this acquisition.

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