

MOTION INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY AND GENERAL SERVICES

In 2008-09, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa initiated the "Own A Piece of LA" program to itemize and account for City-owned undevelopable slivers of land and/or remnant parcels to offer them as to adjoining neighbors as they are incapable of independent development and can only be of use to the adjoining property owners.

Los Angeles is located in a global biodiversity hotspot called the California Floristic Province, which means that it includes more than 1,500 endemic plant species, and at least 70% of the area's original habitat has been lost. Much of the remaining biodiversity within Los Angeles is located in the mountains and hillsides. As engineering innovation has advanced in the past decades, development in these sensitive ecological areas has increased, resulting in the fragmentation and degradation of essential remaining wildlife habitat and corridors. Plants and animals that need these connected ecosystems to continue existing within this urban environment are jeopardized by this increased development and fragmentation. The Santa Monica Mountains Zone within the City of Los Angeles is home to the Southern California subpopulation of the Mountain Lion (*Puma concolor*), for example, which has become a "candidate" species under consideration for listing as "threatened" under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) by the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance amending certain sections in the Los Angeles Administrative Code to implement the "Own a Piece of LA" initiative; Ordinance No. 180834, adding a provision to Article 4, Chapter 1, Division 7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to provide for the implementation of the "Own a Piece of Los Angeles" (OPLA) Program concerning the sale of City-owned remnant surplus property to comply with Division 23, Chapter 3 of the California Public Resources Code Section 33207(b), and codifying that: the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) shall have the first right of refusal to acquire such lands at the City of Los Angeles' purchase price plus any administrative and management costs incurred by the City; the SMMC refusal shall expire after two years if GSD removes land property from sale and/or if purchase is not completed; and the SMMC shall be afforded a subsequent first right of refusal prior to the City entering into new land sale negotiations; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of General Services to identify City-owned surplus property in the Santa Monica Mountains Zone, as defined in Public resource code Section 33105, and prepare a map with text describing the location of such parcels, refreshing the data on a biennial basis, and making that information readily available to the public.

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