

MOTION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & JOBS

On May 6, 2014, Council adopted actions related to the transfer of properties identified for government use from the CRA/LA, A Designated Local Authority and Successor Agency to the former Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (C.F. 13-1482). A total of 35 real property assets were identified for government use and approved for transfer to the City, including a 12,495 square foot parcel in Council District 1 known as the Union Avenue Community Garden (Property) located at 1554 W. 11th Place in Pico Union. A Phase I and Phase II Environmental Assessment Report of the Property identified contaminants found in the soil and as a result, transfer of the Property to the City is still pending.

On June 25, 2019, Council authorized the use of all taxable CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds (EBP) available to Council District 1 from the Pico Union 1 Redevelopment Project Area to address the environmental condition of the Property and to assure it is safe for future public use (C.F. 14-1174-S66). The environmental site remediation is currently in process and will be deemed complete upon the California Department of Toxic and Substance Control (DTSC) issuing an "Approval of Removal Action Completion Report." DTSC is the State regulatory agency overseeing the process.

Council action is needed to authorize the General Services Department to negotiate and execute an acquisition agreement with CRA/LA to transfer the Property that includes the following terms:

- A purchase price acceptable to the City;
- An allocation between the City and CRA/LA of all charges associated with the acquisition
- An owner's policy of title insurance from a title company acceptable to the City
- All documents related to the acquisition in a form acceptable to the City; and
- City must undertake diligence of the conditions of the Property.

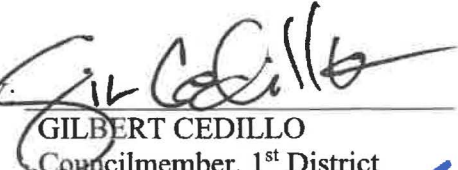
Such Council action shall be conditioned upon the City's receipt of an "Approval of Removal Action Completion Report" from DTSC affirming the environmental condition of the Property is safe for public use.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, AUTHORIZE the General Services Department to negotiate, execute, and accept transfer documents and perform other actions necessary with CRA/LA, A Designated Local Authority, to receive and convey real property located at 1554 W. 11th Place (Property) in Council District 1 with such transfer conditioned upon the City's receipt of an "Approval of Removal Action Completion Report" from the California Department of Toxic and Substance Control affirming the environmental condition of the Property is safe for public use.

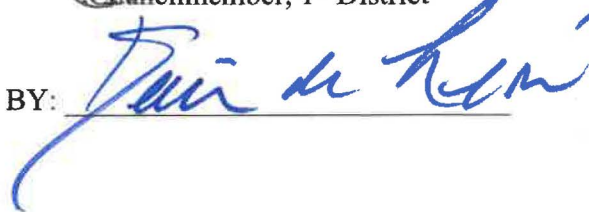
I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the General Services Department to effectuate a non-financial transfer of jurisdiction of the Property to the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP).

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council REQUEST the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners to consider and accept the transfer of jurisdiction of the Property and dedicate the Property as park property in perpetuity if there is no environmental impediment in doing so.

PRESENTED BY:


GILBERT CEDILLO
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY:



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