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**REPORT RE:**

**DRAFT ORDINANCE ADDING SUBSECTION (g) TO SECTION 7.27.1 OF THE  
LOS ANGELES ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO REQUIRE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE OWN-A-PIECE OF LOS ANGELES PROGRAM CONCERNING THE SALE OF  
CITY-OWNED REMNANT SURPLUS PROPERTY TO COMPLY WITH THE  
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE**

The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Los Angeles  
Room 395, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 21-1470

Honorable Members:

As requested by the City Council, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The draft ordinance adds Subsection (g) to Section 7.27.1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) to amend the Own a Piece of Los Angeles (OPLA) Program to comply with Division 23, Chapter 3 of the California Public Resources Code Section 33207(b), which grants to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) the first right of refusal on any surplus City-owned remnant property within the Santa Monica Mountains Zone.

The City of Los Angeles (City) is located in a global biodiversity hotspot called the California Floristic Province, which means it includes more than 1,500 endemic plant species. At least 70 percent of the area's original habitat has been lost due to development. Much of the remaining biodiversity within the Los Angeles is located in the Santa Monica Mountains Zone (zone).

Section 33207(b) of the California Public Resources Code provides that SMMC shall have the first right of refusal on any property within the zone presently owned by a public agency and scheduled for disposal as excess lands, except where such lands are designated for acquisition as a park or recreation area by a federal, state, or local agency. The City Council requested this Office to draft an ordinance amending the sections in the LAAC pertaining to the "Own a Piece of Los Angeles" (OPLA) Program concerning the sale of City-owned remnant surplus property to comply with Section 33207(b) of the California Public Resources Code, thereby providing to SMMC the right of first refusal of land within the zone that is subject to the OPLA Program. The draft ordinance further provides that the SMMC's first right of refusal shall be renewed upon two years after the initial refusal or at any time as required by State law, whichever occurs first.

Council Rule 38 Referral

The draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Department of General Services with a request that they provide any comments directly to the City Council or its Committees when the matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Lindsey F. Zwicker at (213) 978-7570. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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