

**MOTION**

For decades, the community of West LA/Sawtelle has yearned for a vibrant and accessible civic center, a central public space where neighbors can gather for events, for enjoyment, and for opportunities to engage in civic life.

At the same time, also for decades, the City of Los Angeles has squandered a tremendous resource, the West Los Angeles Municipal Building at 1645 Corinth Avenue and surrounding city-owned properties that compose the West LA Civic Center. The area is grim and foreboding, acres of concrete and wasted space.

Redevelopment of the West LA Civic Center would provide a tremendous opportunity for a revitalized area that could benefit the community. The community and the City could shape and drive a shared vision through a robust stakeholder engagement process, that could include a vital, enjoyable, pedestrian-friendly outdoor public space, improved recreation, library, and senior center facilities, as well as sorely needed affordable housing and workforce housing for local residents and for seniors.

The footprint for potential redevelopment includes the City-owned properties located between the boundaries of Santa Monica Boulevard, Corinth Avenue, Iowa Avenue, and Colby Avenue. It includes the following:

- West LA Civic Center Building
- West LA Civic Center courtyard, stage and bandshell
- Surface parking lot between Corinth, Iowa, and Purdue for the West Los Angeles Municipal Building
- Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Center and parking lot
- West LA Regional Library
- West LA LAPD Building
- LAPD surface parking lot
- LAPD auto maintenance building
- Surface parking lot at the corner of Iowa and Purdue
- A stretch of Purdue Avenue used as a private drive.

The site presents a unique opportunity to benefit the community and make a higher and better use of city-owned property. It is appropriate to pursue such an opportunity at this time, especially since the County of Los Angeles is acquiring from the state of California a former courthouse in the center of the civic center area. Visioning and planning simultaneously would be of tremendous benefit, as part of a significant community outreach effort. The City's Asset Management Framework provides a uniform procedure to evaluate and designate City-owned properties for redevelopment and should be utilized.

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I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, General Services Department, and any relevant city departments, to initiate a review of the City-owned property at these locations to determine its suitability for redevelopment purposes, and provide a report within 60 days.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer hire a qualified consultant, if necessary, to provide assistance with determining financing structures, reviewing leases for civic office space in the greater Sawtelle neighborhood, assessing past studies for the redevelopment of the West Los Angeles Civic Center properties, and writing a Request for Proposals.

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