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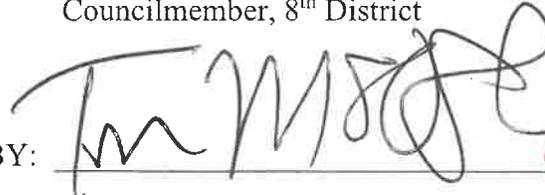
Since 1965, Kedren Health, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, has provided quality behavioral health services to children, youth, adults and families of all backgrounds in the South Los Angeles area, irrespective of a patient’s ability to pay. In addition to its mental health services, Kedren also operates a primary health care clinic, and provides a number of additional essential medical services to residents in a historically underserved community.

In 1971 the Council approved plans by Kedren to construct medical facilities in South Los Angeles. 1973, Kedren acquired land for this purpose at 710 East 111<sup>th</sup> Place, Los Angeles CA 90059 and conveyed the unimproved property to the City. As part of their agreement with the City, Kedren constructed the Kedren Community Mental Health Center on the property, which has been in operation since October 1977, and entered into a 50 year lease for the underlying land with the City. Under this agreement, the City retains ownership of the land while Kedren owns the improvements. When the lease expires in October 2027, the City will take ownership of the improvements. Over recent years, the City and Kedren have explored the sale of this property to Kedren, with the most recent appraisal for the property coming in at \$8.9 million.

Kedren wishes to expand its facilities and the services it provides to the community at this property, including additional mental health, primary care, inpatient, outpatient and other care for members of the community. However, to expand, Kedren requires to site control. The community would be best served if Kedren were able to take direct ownership of the land and facilities. While Kedren is interested in purchasing the property, Kedren is hesitant to purchase at current market rates, as this may impact their budget for medical and mental health services. In light of the services provided to the community by Kedren, and the proposals for more extensive health and mental health services to be provided in a historically underserved community, the City should explore ways to sell or transfer the property back to Kedren. City staff should be directed to undertake an analysis of the possibility of such a transfer, taking into account the significant community benefits provided by Kedren, as well as the history of this property acquisition.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of General Services and City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the City Attorney, the Chief Legislative Analyst, and the Community Investment for Families Department, BE DIRECTED to report back on the feasibility of the direct sale or transfer of the City-owned property located at 710 East 111<sup>th</sup> Place, Los Angeles CA 90059 to Kedren Health, in light of their history on the property and in recognition of the essential services that Kedren provides to the community.

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