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The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) public parking Lot No. 731 located at 200 N. Venice Boulevard serves as a critical gateway to Los Angeles' coastline and number one tourist destination, Venice Beach. Lot 731 provides 196 parking spaces adjacent to the historic Venice Canals, on a federal estuary in a FEMA designated flood zone, one block from the world famous Venice Beach, in one of the City's most dense and parking challenged neighborhoods which sees an average daily inflow of about 30,000 visitors.

For decades, increasing coastal access through adequate parking has been a mandate of the California Coastal Commission in coastal neighborhoods like Venice. From the adoption of the California Coastal Act in 1976, through the community plan processes, beach parking has been baked into the development of Venice for decades. Lot 731 is an integral component of that strategy, which makes well over \$1 million per year for the City's General Fund, representing approximately 5% of LADOT's annual parking revenue.

Since 2016, the site has been actively considered for the construction of a 140 unit mixed-use development. Purportedly to prevent the loss of beach parking by this private development, the City is planning on funding and replacing the existing surface parking lot with a combined tandem and mechanical lift parking.

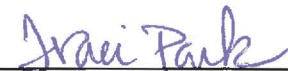
On September 8, 2023, the California Coastal Commission extended its time limit for action so that it could conduct a comprehensive analysis of the proposed project and any potential impacts to coastal access and resources. As this matter continues to be under consideration, it is important to receive a report from City staff regarding the project's impacts to coastal access and beach parking.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council:

- A. Direct the Department of Transportation and the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the City Attorney as needed, to provide a breakdown of the construction and operational costs for the proposed public parking facility in 30 days. The report should also include a comparison of the projected annual operational costs in respect to other city operated lots in LADOT's portfolio; scope and design of the structure; and efficiency of mechanical lift parking.
- B. Direct CAO to report back in 30 days on funding sources that the City is utilizing to replace the existing parking; funding timelines; debt exposure; and liability.

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