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## MOTION ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH & AGING

Murals have been created throughout Los Angeles by artists from diverse artistic and cultural traditions and backgrounds. The City has recently undertaken efforts to ensure that processes are in place to protect and preserve murals on both public and private property. The City Council and City staff are currently assessing the permitting process to ensure that these culturally significant works of art are preserved.

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There has been a significant increase in the issuance of citations relative to murals which are painted on private property. The citations ultimately result in the murals being removed from private property in order to comply with building and safety codes for mural signs or advertisements. These murals are an integral part of cultural expression in the City of Los Angeles. While the City is conducting its analysis, it is important that these murals be protected until the City formally adopts procedures for permitting murals on private property.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the City Council, requests that the Department of Building and Safety and the Planning Department cease from issuing citations or notices to comply for murals signs ordinances until the City has established a permitting process for fine art murals on private property.

**PRESENTED BY:** 

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