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MOTION

There has been a proliferation of catering trucks located on public streets in the City of Los Angeles. These trucks park for multiple hours at parking meters in commercially zoned areas, contrary to the intent of those parking meter spaces.

Parking meters were designed to encourage the turnover of vehicles in high-demand areas. Parking meters also fight traffic congestion and pollution when their rates match parking demand. These businesses sometimes operate without city permits and absorb parking ticket fines as a cost of doing business.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), in cooperation with officials from the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles Fire Department, the Planning Department, the Department of Public Works, the Office of Finance, the Planning Department, the County Department of Public Health, the affected Council Districts and the City Attorney in consultation with all interested parties to study and make recommendations to:

a.) Restrict catering trucks from parking in parking meters in commercially zoned areas;

b.) Request LADOT to study ordinances and methods in other municipalities that deal with catering truck issues, in particular the efforts of Portland, Oregon.

c.) Request that the LADOT also consider an effective method to enact enforcement including fines for repeat offenders of parking violations.

d.) Request that LADOT work with the catering truck industry to find alternatives that meet its goals and objectives without defeating the purpose of parking meters.

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