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## MOTION

On March 3, 2011, City Council approved the sale of a City-owned property located at 564 East L Street (Property), a former brownsfield site that was environmentally remediated in August 2009, to the former Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA/LA) for the development of affordable single family homes (C.F. 10-1094). Due to the dissolution of the CRA/LA, the sale of the Property never took place and the City still holds title to Property, which was declared surplus in 2009.

In 2004, the CRA/LA released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the development of affordable housing on the Property. A total of six bids were received and Habitat for Humanity South Bay/Long Beach Chapter, a non-profit organization that rehabilitates and builds affordable housing, was selected as the developer. For several years, and until it was dissolved, the CRA/LA was pursuing the development of affordable single family homes in partnership with Habitat for Humanity South Bay/Long Beach Chapter, now known as Habitat for Humanity Greater Los Angeles (Habitat), but an agreement could not be finalized prior to CRA/LA's dissolution.

Habitat has continued to express interest in acquiring and developing the Property. Council District 15 and local Wilmington stakeholders also support the development of the property for affordable homeownership.

With the declines in the economy, the dissolution of CRA/LA, and reductions in available affordable housing funding, the need for affordable housing in the City is great. Therefore, the Council should support the direct sale of the property to Habitat for Humanity Greater Los Angeles, if feasible.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Housing Department with the assistance of the Department of General Services, City Administrative Officer, City Attorney, and the Chief Legislative Analyst be instructed to report in 30 days on the feasibility of conducting a direct sale of the City-owned property located at 564 East L Street, Wilmington, to Habitat for Humanity Greater Los Angeles for the development of affordable single family homes; and provide the steps necessary to transfer ownership.

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