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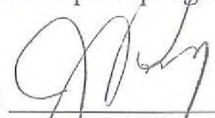
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In recent years, municipalities have experimented with new models to improve temporary and semi-permanent open space by reclaiming portions of the public right-of-way for park and recreation purposes. Notably, New York has pedestrianized Broadway in Times Square, adding moveable seating and sidewalk paint to create open space in the heart of the city. Also, in 2010, San Francisco created the "Pavement to Parks" program to facilitate the creation of "parklets" throughout the city at minimal public cost.


Parklets are temporary or permanent structures built from sustainable materials to expand the width of sidewalks for restaurants, bicycle parking, or a variety of uses that encourage pedestrian and multi-modal activity and that occupy parking space(s) in the public right-of-way. A program similar to "Pavement to Parks" in Los Angeles will have the potential to increase economic development opportunities throughout the City by encouraging pedestrian and ground-floor activity as well as providing much needed open space and pedestrian amenities.

Already, Council District 14 has initiated the creation of two parklet "demonstration projects" on North Huntington Drive and York Boulevard while the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (DLANC) has established an ad-hoc working group comprised of Downtown residents skilled in architecture, industrial fabrication, social media, planning, urban design, and other trades, to design, build, seek funding, and install "parklet" demonstration projects on Spring Street in coordination with local business owners and the Historic Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Business Improvement District (HDBID).

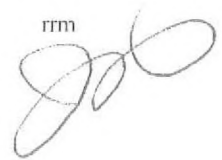
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Planning Department, in coordination with Department of Transportation, and the Department of Public Works, as appropriate, to assist with the implementation of parklet demonstration projects currently under consideration and to create a Citywide parklet pilot program similar to San Francisco's "Pavement to Parks" program.

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