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PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT

Downtown Los Angeles has tremendous potential for turning a declining industrial area into a multi-billion dollar revenue generator and thriving, livable, multi-use, mixed-use job producing area through implementation of innovative 21st century thinking, planning and incentives.

A significant amount of land is zoned for manufacturing and industrial uses in Downtown and surrounding areas, but this land is largely stocked with outdated, antiquated facilities. While smokestacks are long behind us, modernization is often unfeasible; improving these buildings to current code and building standards presents tremendous cost, time and difficulty.

A July 2012 Report by President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology outlines approaches to spur domestic manufacturing investment and innovation with recommendations around three pillars: enabling innovation; securing the talent pipeline; and improving the business climate. These recommendations are aimed at reinventing manufacturing to ensure U.S. competitiveness, feed into the nation's innovation economy, and invigorate the domestic manufacturing base. The policy objective is to position the nation to lead the world in new advanced manufacturing technologies.

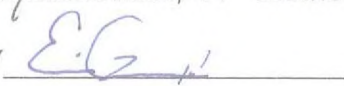
To achieve these goals within Los Angeles, the Council must direct changes to policies, procedures and plans in an effort that will contribute to the Los Angeles regional economy and the nation at-large.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Council instruct the Planning Department, with the assistance of the Department of Building and Safety, the Bureau of Engineering, the Fire Department and any other relevant departments, with Council District 14 along with private sector business and development representatives, to prepare a report with recommendations, policies, procedures, and plans which will offer more flexibility, efficiency and predictability in the entitlement process and create incentives for the streamlined, expedited rehabilitation of underutilized industrial/manufacturing facilities and development of livable, mixed-use modern industrial neighborhoods, manufacturing facilities and job centers.

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