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On December 9, 2009, City Council approved the transfer of \$800,000 from the former Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA/LA) to the Department of General Services (GSD) and related actions for the acquisition of 406 North Gaffey Street (Property) (C.F. 07-0069-S2). The Property was intended to be developed by the Department of Recreation and Parks into Phase Two of the Gaffey Welcome Park project. Due to the dissolution of the CRA/LA, the acquisition never took place.

The Property, a former Shell gas station, is currently a vacant fenced lot and is located at the entrance of the 110 North Freeway, a major entry point in and out of San Pedro. In 2008, the property was appraised at a fair market value of \$800,000 and as part of the original agreement; GSD was to receive a Closure Letter on the contamination issue from the State Regional Water Quality Control prior to closing of its purchase.

Phase One of the Gaffey Welcome Park project was completed in 2007 and the project as a whole has been delayed pending the acquisition of the Property. The completion of the Gaffey Welcome Park is a priority for Council District 15 and local stakeholders because it would create much needed park space and beautify a major intersection in San Pedro. Therefore, the Council should support the acquisition of the Property, if feasible.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of General Services with the assistance of the Department of Recreation and Parks, City Attorney, and the Chief Legislative Analyst be instructed to report in 30 days on the feasibility of acquiring the property located at 406 North Gaffey Street for the development of Phase Two of the Gaffey Welcome Park.

PRESENTED BY

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