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Fire Station 39, located 14415 Sylvan Street in Van Nuys, is going to be decommissioned after a replacement station is constructed under the Proposition F Fire Facilities Program. The building, constructed in 1939, abuts the Van Nuys Civic Center, an area that is prime for economic revitalization.

Fire Station 39 boasts unique architecture and has potential to serve as the commercial crux of the Van Nuys Boulevard revitalization. In 2007, the City sold the former historic Van Nuys Library building, which was later rehabilitated and converted into law offices while retaining its historic characteristics. Fire Station 39 could have a similarly successful future if the City plans thoughtfully and incorporates the historic building into the larger Van Nuys Boulevard revival effort.

The City should explore all possible opportunities for developing a long term strategy and identifying a use for Fire Station 39 after it has been decommissioned and vacated by the Fire Department.

I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council instruct the Economic and Workforce Development Department, with the assistance of the Department of General Services, Chief Legislative Analyst and City Administrative Officer, to work with Council District 6 to explore the potential future economic development uses of the Old Fire Station 39 (14415 Sylvan Street, Van Nuys) and report with recommendations.

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