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MOTION

BUDGET & FINANCE
PUBLIC WORKS & GANG REDUCTION

I MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer to establish a Sidewalk Repair Trust Fund in which funds for future sidewalk repairs should be placed.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer, the Chief Legislative Analyst and the Bureau of Street Services to report on reconstituting a "50/50" or similar cost sharing program for residential sidewalk repairs, with the following elements:

- Funds in the 50/50 program would be used exclusively on privately-owned residential properties; and
- An application system should be established that ensures equity across communities and encourages the widest degree of participation during a fixed period of years in which the program will be maintained; and
- The program should create an incentive for more complete pathways by prioritizing or further subsidizing repairs to be made to entire blocks or significant lengths of contiguous sidewalk.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst report on recommendations for developing a low- or no-interest revolving loan program from which property owners could borrow to make necessary sidewalk repairs and repay the city for the cost of said repairs over a fixed term, with repayment to be secured by a lien against the property for the unpaid balance.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst to report on the steps required to establish Assessment Districts for sidewalk repairs and recommendations for a simplified process for creating such a district if a neighborhood so desires it.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst and the Bureau of Street Services to report with recommendations for an enforcement plan to inspect commercial properties, and properties within the City of Los Angeles belonging to other governmental agencies, and issue repair orders for sidewalks that do not conform to standards of good repair, providing adequate time for the commercial or governmental property owner to bring their sidewalks into compliance, before issuing fines against those property owners who fail to comply (with such fines to be collected and placed in the Sidewalk Repair Trust Fund), and providing that failure to comply could result in the City completing the repairs and securing repayment for all costs from the commercial or governmental property owner.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer, the Chief Legislative Analyst, the Bureaus of Engineering and Street Services, and the City Attorney to coordinate on developing a complaint-driven mapping and prioritization system to identify and coordinate repairs to sidewalks that pose the greatest challenges to mobility for pedestrians.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Bureau of Engineering to develop and maintain design and construction standards for sidewalks that serve the City's objectives of maximizing mobility, increasing groundwater recharge and stormwater infiltration, maintaining aesthetic compatibility with distinctive neighborhood styles and historic

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designs, and provide a process for innovation and pilot programs utilizing new materials and construction techniques as they are developed.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer, the Chief Legislative Analyst and the Bureau of Street services to report with recommendations for a system to certify sidewalks for compliance with contemporary standards of good repair, and for notifying property owners of their responsibility of maintaining such a state of good repair following such certification.

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