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MOTION

Under the City's Charter, the Department of Recreation and Parks is empowered to control and manage the 459 parks and beach parks within the City of Los Angeles.

As part of its management of the City's parks, the Department of Recreation and Parks maintains park property to ensure its recreational places provide respite as well as spaces for the benefit, education, amusement and enjoyment of the general public. In order to ensure that the City's parks can provide these benefits, and are clean, safe and beautiful, the Department of Recreation and Parks has established a regular maintenance schedule, much of which takes place during hours when the parks are closed to the public to avoid impacting typical recreational uses.

During park operating hours, some people bring bulky items, such as sofas, couches, armchairs, and mattresses, onto park property. Bulky items cause damage to park property as well as contribute to visual blight and clutter while the park is open. Park goers often cannot fully enjoy the beauty and recreational opportunities that the parks provide when bulky items mar views and take up valuable park space. In addition, the items attract additional debris and trash, and further impact the accessibility of the park space.

When these items are not removed by their owners at park closing time, disposal of these bulky items falls on the Department's maintenance staff. The large volume of personal property regularly left in City parks after closing causes undue maintenance burdens and expense for the Department of Recreation and Parks, and is a burden that can be prevented so that all may enjoy our City's parks in an appropriate and supportive manner.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to draft an Ordinance to preclude any person, without a permit, from bringing bulky items, including but not limited to sofas, couches, armchairs and mattresses onto park property in the City of Los Angeles and to provide notice that personal property left in the park after the park closes may be subject to removal and short-term storage by the City.

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