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This year is the 50th Anniversary of the Watts Riots/Rebellion, which lasted from August 11 to 17 in 1965. During those 6 days, over 30,000 adults participated in the riot in the greater Watts neighborhood. The Watts Riots/Rebellion was the City's most severe riot until 1992 in terms of deaths, injuries, arrests and property damage. The property damage on 103rd St earned it the nickname "Charcoal Alley" for the multitude of neighborhood-serving commercial buildings that burned down. The Watts Riots/Rebellion illuminated inequities in Los Angeles, but spoke nationally to the systemic discrimination in American cities.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council DIRECT the Department of Cultural Affairs, the Human Relations Commission, and Department of Public Works to report back within 30 days, with a plan of events and activities, a financial plan for covering costs, and additional recommendations for appropriately marking and commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Watts Riots/Rebellion.

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