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Since 2013, the City has been exploring opportunities to expand and modernize the exhibit space and services offered at the Los Angeles Convention Center. The national convention business is highly competitive, especially in California where San Francisco, Anaheim, and San Diego provide facilities that directly compete with Los Angeles for business. Each of these cities in the process of expanding their facilities, while Los Angeles continues to explore its options.

In 2015, the City ran a design competition to seek an architect to design a Convention Center expansion through a traditional civic construction process method. At the same time, the City chose to explore opportunities to develop an expansion of the Convention Center through a public-private partnership. Evaluation of those dual development options is on-going.

Recently, the Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG) provided correspondence to the City offering to develop a Convention Center project that would expand the exhibition facility and full-service hotel capacity needs of the City, while providing private development opportunities complementary to the STAPLES Center and LALive.

The City has a long-standing partnership with AEG, beginning with the successful development of the STAPLES Center. Subsequent work with LALive has resulted in a milestone development that has accelerated the development of Downtown Los Angeles as an international destination. In addition, AEG has certain rights to use portions of the Convention Center that could be incorporated into a larger solution for the Convention Center campus to generate a significant, catalytic project.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) with assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), the Convention and Tourism Department (CTD), Bureau of Engineering, and the City Attorney to evaluate the Los Angeles Convention Center expansion project proposed by Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG) and provide a report with any findings or recommendations on the proposal.

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