ARTS, PARKS AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to establishing Indigenous Peoples Day as a legal City holiday.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (O'Farrell - Wesson):

1. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report on establishing Indigenous Peoples Day as a legal City holiday.

2. INSTRUCT the CAO and REQUEST the Los Angeles Human Relations Commission (HRC) to report in 60 days on the fiscal impact of establishing Indigenous Peoples Day as a legal City holiday.

3. REQUEST the HRC, with the assistance of the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission, to report on the historical importance and cultural impact of establishing Indigenous Peoples Day as a legal City holiday.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On March 21, 2016, your Committee considered a Motion (O'Farrell - Wesson) relative to establishing Indigenous Peoples Day as a legal City holiday. According to the Motion, Native Americans are descendants of the aboriginal, indigenous, native people who were the original inhabitants of this continent. One way to recognize the enormous historical contributions of Native American heritage and Indigenous People is through celebrations of culture, recognition of traditions, and the continued support of artistic self-expression. The City of Los Angeles has a rich and unique history and diversity represented within the indigenous population residing here. In recognition of cultural contributions and the tribal presence here, the City celebrates American Indian Heritage Month every year.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion, as amended, and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS AND RIVER COMMITTEE

O'FARRELL: YES
PRICE: YES
KORETZ: YES
BLUMENFIELD: ABSENT
RYU: YES

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