

MOTION

On June 30, 2015, Council approved recommendations supporting development of a state-of-the-art Major League Soccer (MLS) stadium for the Los Angeles Football Club in the City of Los Angeles (the Project)(C.F. 15-0613). The Project is proposed to be located in Exposition Park in South Los Angeles on the site of the existing Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena. This Project involves the construction of a new 22,000 seat soccer stadium, and related ancillary improvements and facilities with uses totaling approximately 641,000 square feet (C.F. 15-1541). The Project both complements and is consistent with the existing diverse mix of open space, cultural, entertainment, sporting, and recreational uses in Exposition Park. The Project would also add approximately 143,000 square feet of new public open space to Exposition Park, including new pedestrian walkways and plazas featuring a mix of hardscape and landscaped areas.

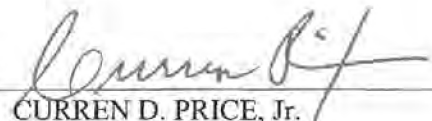
It has been determined that open space and public gathering areas proposed by the Project, along with components of the soccer stadium would be located on a parcel of property (the Subject Parcel) previously conveyed by the City to the State of California pursuant to a Grant Deed dated May 29, 2009 (Instrument No. 20090927601). The City conveyed the Subject Parcel on the express condition that (i) it would forever be held and used as park property and only for park purposes, and (ii) upon cessation of use for park purposes, the conveyance would be terminated and forfeited and the Subject Parcel would revert back to the City.

In order to proceed with the development and enable the financing of the Project, it is necessary for the City to (i) find and confirm that the proposed use of the Subject Parcel, as presented in Council File 15-1541, satisfies a park purpose, and is consistent with the use requirements of the Subject Parcel for park purposes and the City's vision for Exposition Park; and (ii) find and confirm that as long as the Subject Parcel as part of the Project remains dedicated for use as park property consistent with these proposed uses and does not change or affect the use of the Subject Parcel other than for these proposed uses, as presented in Council File 15-1541 the City will not exercise its reversionary right with respect to the Subject Parcel during the construction and operation of the Project.

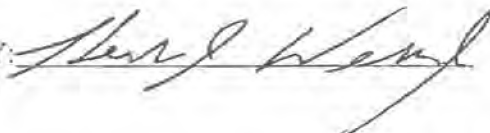
In September and October 2015, the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission approved the Project and related agreements which were subsequently ratified by the Board of the California Science Center (Sixth District Agricultural Association). The Coliseum Commission expressly found that the Project would be consistent with the open space, museum, and cultural facility uses in Exposition Park, and that it would preserve and enhance recreational facilities and park space. In recommending approval of the Project to the Council in December 2015, the Los Angeles City Planning Commission made similar findings and confirmed that the operation of a sports, entertainment and public gathering facility would be consistent with applicable planning policies and goals for this area of Exposition Park.


I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council find and confirm that, as presented in Council File 15-1541, the proposed Project consisting of a Major League Soccer (MLS) stadium and ancillary facilities for the Los Angeles Football Club in Exposition Park is consistent with the use of a parcel of property (the Subject Parcel) previously conveyed by the City to the State of California pursuant to a Grant Deed dated May 29, 2009, (Instrument No. 20090927601) for park purposes and the City's reversion right does not apply to the construction or operation of the Project on the Subject Parcel.

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