Reimagining the Los Angeles River from an off-limit concrete storm drain to an open and inviting greenway for all to enjoy is a priority for the City of Los Angeles. The City has engaged numerous non-profit organizations about what revitalization looks like from the community's perspective. The Council and Mayor have adopted the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan to guide our future river vision. The City has also created miles of public bike paths and trails along the river in the communities of the San Fernando Valley, Northeast Los Angeles, and Downtown LA with more to come.

Community and park advocates have requested that the City study the feasibility of utilizing City-owned parcels as a connection park to the river in the Winnetka neighborhood. The parcel, owned by the Department of General Services, on Haynes Street, in Council District 3, abuts a portion of the West Valley Bike Path/Greenway and the LA River. The City should review this parcel as it presents an opportunity to connect the area to the river with an inviting greenspace. The City Council should request City experts, including the Bureau of Engineering, Bureau of Sanitation, Department of Transportation, Department of General Services, and the Department of Recreation and Parks to provide a report on the feasibility of turning this space into a park that connects to the LA River.

I THEREFORE MOVE that that the City Council request the Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Transportation, Department of General Services, Department of Public Works - Bureau of Engineering and the Bureau of Sanitation, to report on the feasibility, cost estimates, and maintenance needs of developing a parcel of City-owned land on Haynes Street into a park connecting the neighborhood to the LA River.

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