

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the economic development of the site of the former Lincoln Heights Jail.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Cedillo - O'Farrell - Price):

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the City Administrative Officer's (CAO) Asset Management Strategic Planning Group, in consultation with the Economic and Workforce Development Department, City Attorney, and any necessary City Departments to:

- a. Report with the necessary steps and findings to designate the former Lincoln Heights Jail located at 401 North Avenue 19, a site for economic development purposes.
- b. Develop and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the economic development of the former Lincoln Heights Jail and report back to Council with the results of said RFP.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On September 13, 2016, your Committee considered a Motion (Cedillo - Wesson - O'Farrell - Price) relative to the economic development of the site of the former Lincoln Heights Jail located at 401 North Avenue 19. According to the Motion, the former Lincoln Heights Jail presents a unique and exciting opportunity to preserve and adaptively reuse an historic building that has long been a landmark in Los Angeles with creative and innovative uses. The classic Art-Deco facility, constructed in 1931, with an addition in 1949, functioned as a City jail until 1965. Subsequent to that, the building was used by City departments and later the Bilingual Arts Foundation which made it their home until 2014. Adaptive reuse of the site will allow the City to serve its economic development goals, activate a City facility that is currently vacant, create much needed jobs, and stimulate the local economy - all with careful consideration of community needs and preservation of the historic structure.

In March 2009, (Council File No. 08-3262), Council adopted actions which directed City staff to report with recommendations for initiating an RFP for the reuse of the former Lincoln Heights Jail and report with recommendations for its potential use. Since then the City has taken additional steps to study the site.

The City has commissioned various studies of the site, including an Environmental Phase One Site Assessment, an Historic Structures Report and updated Adaptive Reuse Report to identify improvements necessary for the building and site for safe use. Additionally, the City issued a Request for Interest in April 2016 to generate conceptual ideas for consideration on the range of potential development opportunities for the site in the current economic and cultural environment and which also identified potential applicants for an RFP.

In May 2016, Council adopted an Asset Management Strategic Planning Framework which

establishes the process to evaluate City properties for economic development use and determine their future use. In order, for staff to continue to proceed, the City must take the necessary steps to make the site available for economic development purposes.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PRICE:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES

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