

MOTION

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Within the Chatsworth-Northridge Industrial Core, there are many restricted light industrial uses mixed with other green tech, clean-tech and high-tech uses. This area is a hub of industry and innovation historically and such work continues currently. To preserve the character of the area and support these technologically advanced uses and re-uses of existing buildings, the Council has designated this the “Chatsworth-Northridge Industrial Core – innov818” area.

The continued siting of light industrial uses within the Chatsworth and Northridge communities is of utmost importance to the economic development of our San Fernando Valley communities, but also for the City and the entire southern California region.

A critical task for ensuring the viability of the innov818 area going forward is to make certain that the area has amenities that are desirable for the businesses of the future. Increasingly, campus-style footprints are sought after – as is the capability for round-the-clock operation to maximize output and capitalize on efficiencies.

With that in mind, it is necessary to examine amenities that could attract the businesses of the future – bearing in mind that modernization may require building or development that could need to mitigate environmental hazards left by previous light industrial uses.

The City of Los Angeles has a Brownfields program that under the correct circumstances can be used to fund Environmental Investigations that may be required for future development of existing, industrial parcels. As these light industrial uses are a huge economic driver for the San Fernando Valley and the City of Los Angeles, as a whole – working with the City’s Brownfields Team is essential to identify the availability, uses and limitations of this funding source.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation be directed to report on the Brownfields Program, including the utilization of this funding source as an option for job-creating businesses that hope to locate or expand in the innov818 zone and may be required to complete Environmental Investigations, or perform Environmental Mitigation of toxics or contaminants.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department be directed to report back on additional funding options for Environmental Investigations and Mitigations that may be utilized for the innov818 zone.

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