## INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY AND GENERAL SERVIC: MOTION

Following the 2016 implementation of a Citywide Asset Management System, the City identified 450 vacant lots. These lots, potential brownfields, are targets for illegal dumping, crime, nuisances, and often become sources of site contamination and neighborhood deterioration. The City currently spends approximately \$660,000 annually on nuisance abatement for City-owned properties. Others go unmaintained as the result of limited resources.

The Free Lots Angeles Collaborative (FLA) is a coalition of five Los Angeles-based nonprofit organizations (lead organization: Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI), in partnership with: Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, Leadership for Urban Renewal Network, T.R.U.S.T. South LA, and Esperanza Community Housing Corporation). FLA intends to transform vacant lots into neighborhood resources that support community health and development.

To promote blight removal and community-benefitting uses of vacant property, the City should launch an 18-month Adopt-A-Lot Pilot Program. In partnership with FLA, which targets low-income and park poor communities, the Adopt-A-Lot Pilot Program would activate a maximum of ten (10) lots and provide community access to the space for substantial public benefit.

Under normal processing, each individual site license agreement would require Council approval and undergo a lengthy approval process. Establishing a master license agreement with KDI would allow for the addition and deletion of sites as needed subject to the approval of the Municipal Facilities Committee.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of General Services, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer and in consultation with the City Attorney, to negotiate and execute a master lease or license agreement with KDI, for no monetary rent, to implement the Adopt-A-Lot Pilot Program in which KDI will administer temporary uses of these vacant lots to serve the residents of Los Angeles.

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