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The Citywide Brownfields Program (Program) under Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) provides information, assistance, technical expertise and funding to enable the reuse and redevelopment of properties that may be contaminated by prior uses. The Program facilitates the revitalization of abandoned and underutilized properties plagued by real or perceived contamination in a manner that improves the overall quality of life of our diverse communities, particularly in underserved areas. The Program incorporates innovative brownfields strategies into the City's normal development processes.

The Program seeks to incorporate effective strategies into the City's economic development, housing, and community revitalization objectives. On occasion, LASAN seeks oversight and guidance from the State's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to assist in evaluation and migration of potential environmental impacts at multiple properties.

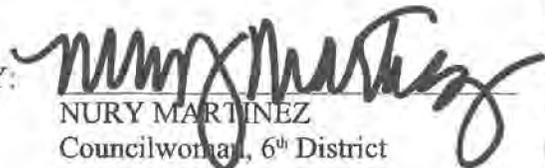
AB 440, which became effective January 1, 2014, encourages infill development and the cleanup of brownfields by authorizing local governments to address contaminated properties and reduce local government liabilities. Its provisions allow a local agency to take action similar to those previously taken by redevelopment agencies under the Polanco Redevelopment Act. AB 440 seeks to address challenges to local government created by the abolishment of redevelopment agencies. The City Council adopted a position to support AB 440 on April 26, 2013.

To meet the objectives of the City's Brownfields Program, a Master Oversight Agreement (MOA) between LASAN and DTSC is essential to accelerate brownfields cleanup and redevelopment in the City. A MOA will allow the City to utilize AB 440 effectively in order to mitigate contaminated sites and revitalize communities.

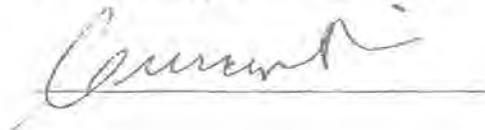
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), in consultation with other client departments, report back on the feasibility of entering into a Master Oversight Agreement with the State's Department of Toxic Substances Control for the purpose of utilizing AB 440 to assist the City's Brownfields Program; and to streamline the regulatory review process.

I FURTHER MOVE that LASAN identify the method and approaches that can be used to review brownfield sites on an as-needed basis.

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