MOTION

The Department of Recreation and Parks strives to increase the number of parks and recreational opportunities in the City. This includes the development of smaller pocket parks and converting medians into parks. Measure A was successfully passed and it will provide the City with funding to expand and maintain open space and parks in the City.

There are sites throughout the City that may be suitable for development as a park. The Rowena Reservoir Complex (Complex) is one such site. The Complex is located in Council District 4 and is bounded by Maxwell Street, Ettrick Street, Rowena Avenue and Hyperion Avenue in the Silverlake/Los Feliz area. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power utilizes the 9.64 acre site for storage and conveyance of potable water to the Los Feliz area and neighboring communities. It consists of one 10-million gallon underground potable tank; one industrial power station; one chlorination station; two regulator stations; and two pump stations. The site also has two large water ponds with waterfalls, artificial rockwork, landscaping, and decorative fencing in order to preserve the neighborhood character.

Public access to the Complex is currently not permitted since it is vital to providing safe and reliable drinking water. In order to open this site for use by the public, certain improvements may need to be made to protect the water source and also visitors to the site.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer and any other relevant departments, to report on the feasibility of opening the Rowena Reservoir Complex located in Council District 4 for passive recreation use and include a strategy or implementation plan, including costs, to open it to the public for this use.

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