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The Vision Theater, located in Leimert Park, is a historic and culturally significant structure purchased in 2000 by the City to serve as a cultural venue for the surrounding communities and the citizens of Los Angeles. The Theater is under the control/management of the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) and is now undergoing renovations. The Vision Theater complex includes an underused surface parking lot to the rear of the Theater. The lot is currently used by DCA for a variety of periodic special events throughout the year, but otherwise not used for off-street parking purposes. The lot is locked and vacant on the week ends while the surrounding community and businesses are in need of addition parking.

The City continues to confront a local economy with little prospects of significant short-term growth. The underutilized Vision Theater parking lot presents an opportunity to generate needed additional revenue while serving the needs and interests of the surrounding community and businesses.

Adjacent to the DCA lot is LADOT's Lot No. 626, a metered surface public parking lot. Both DCA and LADOT recognize that it is a productive use of City resources for LADOT to manage these lots as metered public parking. They have also agreed to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for this purpose. The MOU would include opportunities for DCA to use the lot for its periodic special event activities. Funds generated through metered parking would be retained by the Special Parking Revenue Fund. LADOT has sufficient funds available to provide site improvements including the installation of an automatic parking meter system, lights and other improvements. The property would remain under the ownership of the Department of General Services.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council take the following actions:

1. Instruct the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), with the assistance and cooperation of the Department Cultural Affairs (DCA) and the Department of General Services (GSD), to negotiate and execute, subject to the approval of the Councilmember of the 8th District, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) transferring the control/management of the surface parking lot located at the back and contiguous to the Vision Theater to LADOT to serve as a metered surface public parking lot; the MOU will detail the roles and responsibilities of the parties and the actions necessary to effectuate the transfer of the control/management of the Vision Theater parking lot from DCA to LADOT, including site improvements as may be necessary (i.e. lighting; removal of structures; lane striping and installation of automated parking meter system); hours of operation; parking rates; parking revenues to the City's Special Parking Reserve Fund; and use of the parking lot by DCA for periodic special events. Ownership of the Vision Theater parking lot to remain with GSD;
2. Instruct the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the Department of Cultural Affairs, Department of Transportation, Department of General Services, the Chief Legislative Analyst and City Attorney, to prepare and present the appropriate and necessary document(s) (easement, lease, etc.) to permit the expansion of the Vision Theater into portions of LADOT Lot # 626 and the DCA parking lot in the furtherance of the Vision Theater's Renovation Project and to provide a required fire access lane; and,
3. Instruct LADOT to establish a working group comprised of the following departments, Department of General Services, Planning, Building and Safety, Department of Cultural Affairs, Chief Legislative Analyst, Office of the City Attorney and Council District 8, to facilitate the actions set forth above.

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