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MOTION

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the Skid Row Housing Trust have recommended that Industrial Street, east of Central Avenue, be closed to local traffic.

In making this recommendation, the LAPD made the following observations:

- a. Industrial Street is already partially closed west of Alameda and serves as a dead end driveway to the nearby Skid Row Authority parking lot.
- b. This terminus provides a location for abandoned cars, narcotic use and sales, loitering for prostitution, and other criminal activity.
- c. Limiting access to the street will greatly reduce criminal activity, eliminate police response, and provide the immediate area with a safer environment.

The adjacent Skid Row Housing Trust has agreed to install a fixed gate across the entrance of Industrial Street at Central Avenue to control access to this area. The gate shall be installed and maintained by the Skid Row Housing Trust at no cost to the City.

The closure of Industrial Street at Central Avenue will abate local criminal activity, foster increased public safety and provide an enhanced community and work environment. Such closure is pursuant to Section 21101.4 of the State Vehicle Code for reasons of public safety.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Engineer, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department and the Department of Transportation, be instructed to report with recommendations for the temporary closure of Industrial Street between Central Avenue and Alameda Street pursuant to Section 21101.4 of the State Vehicle Code for reasons of public safety.

PRESENTED BY: 
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