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# MOTION

The operation of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS'S), also known as Drones, have been increasing greatly within the City of Los Angeles. These UAS'S are either gas or electric driven and controlled by a signal sending device that is in the possession of the operator.

It must be understood that UAS's are susceptible to the same conditions and could encounter the same problems that any aircraft, flying over the City of Los Angeles, would experience. Since the size of the Drone is usually small and used as a recreational tool, the UAS currently can be flown anywhere in the city at a relatively low altitude. Because of its size, its ability to fly low and its low noise signature, the Drone can be flown in areas and virtually be undetected by citizens on the ground.

The operator also has ability of controlling the aircraft and losing visual contact with the aircraft which would put the safety of the public and property at risk. At this time, the owner and operator of a UAS has the opportunity to launch and land the aircraft at any time in the city. As per LAMC 63.44, entitled "Regulations Affecting Park and Recreation Areas" there are specific locations a UAS cannot be operated.

In order to endure of the safety of residents and visitors in the City of Los Angeles, it is imperative to restrict the operation of Drones to definite and fixed locations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that LAPD, the CAO and the CLA be instructed to provide recommendations on how to strictly enforce the restriction of operation of UAS's to "designated areas" or "remote controlled airfields" within the City of Los Angeles.

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