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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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Mariachi Plaza de Los Angeles (Plaza) is located in Boyle Heights and is the heart of the surrounding vibrant community. The Plaza is named for the mariachi musicians who have gathered there since the 1930s, ready to be hired to play in restaurants, at private parties or for community events. When the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) built the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension, they incorporated the Plaza into the Mariachi Plaza Station.


In December 2013, Metro issued Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for Metro-owned sites across from the Mariachi Plaza Station. At its November 13, 2014 meeting, the Metro Board considered a staff recommendation to execute an 18-month Exclusive Negotiation Agreement and Planning Document (ENA) to explore the feasibility of developing a commercial real estate development for Metro's property. The Board deferred action until February 2015.

It is critical that the City of Los Angeles participate in the evaluation and consideration of any development that occurs around the Metro Gold Line Mariachi Plaza Station to ensure that the community's needs are met and the viability of Mariachi Plaza is preserved.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct appropriate City department(s) to work with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and stakeholders to ensure that the development of the Metro sites across from the Mariachi Plaza Gold Line Station preserves the unique features of Mariachi Plaza and meets community needs.

I FURTHER MOVE that a stakeholder working group be convened to ensure the continued vitality of economic activities of local mariachis while also preserving their long standing history at Mariachi Plaza.

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