

MOTION

In an effort to improve safety, visibility and public access to the San Pedro community, San Pedro Welcome Park and Bandini Canyon Park, on January 23, 2015, the City Council authorized the acquisition of the property located at 427 N. Gaffey Street at the terminus of the 110 Harbor Freeway (Council File 15-0052).

Currently, an outdoor advertising company is illegally occupying space on the property with a large billboard. The lease was originally entered into by the previous property owner in 2008. The original Purchase and Sale Agreement required the previous owner assign the billboard space lease to the City. This lease expired at the end of 2022, but the billboard remains in place.

On February 1, 2023, Council authorized the Department of General Services to issue all necessary notices instructing the billboard owner and lessee to remove the billboard and support structure, vacate the property and restore it to its original condition (Council File 15-0052-S2). Council also authorized the Department of General Services to expeditiously demolish and remove the billboard and expiration of the lease. Despite this action, the billboard remains in place, and the City should take steps to ensure that the City has the ability to deal with similar issues in the future, and that tenants who act in bad faith are accountable for their actions.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of General Services, with the assistance of the City Attorney, be directed to report on the feasibility of summarily removing billboards from City properties leased to private entities that are in "holdover" status and charging all costs of removing billboards back to the holdover tenants.

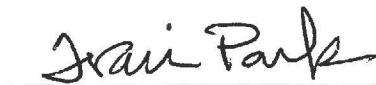
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present a draft ordinance that would deem holdover billboard tenants on City property to be "irresponsible permittees" and not eligible for future building permits for a term of five years from the offending holdover tenancy.

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