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Opened to the public earlier this year, York Park in the Highland Park neighborhood represents a major victory in the process of bringing more green space to Los Angeles and in implementing a long-term public space vision for York Boulevard. The York Vision Plan was initiated by Council District 14 in the fall of 2010 to provide a long-term blueprint for future projects along York Boulevard, as well as prioritize several short-term project goals. After a series of stakeholder input meetings, the final Plan reflects the vision of a walkable, bike-able, community-oriented York Blvd that was expressed by the Highland Park community.

The early projects completed to begin implementing the Vision Plan included the City's first parklet and the City's first bike corral. The highest priority project, as expressed by the community, was a park. After several years of planning, negotiations over the purchase of a parcel of land, and a community vote for the final design, construction began on the park in 2014. On February 21, 2015, York Park was officially opened at York Boulevard and Avenue 50.

Councilmember Huizar, partnering with the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) wrote a grant proposal on behalf of the Department of Recreation and Parks for State Proposition 84 Park funds. Of over 400 applications reviewed by the State, the York Park proposal was one of only two City proposals to receive funding, with \$2.875 million allocated for the site purchase, park design and construction.

The parcel of land on which York Park sits remains designated for Neighborhood Commercial use in the General Plan and zoned for [Q]C4-1XL.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Planning Department to initiate proceedings for a General Plan Amendment from Neighborhood Commercial to Open Space and Zone Change from [Q]C4-1XL to OS-1XL for the parcels located at 4950-4954 York Blvd and 1271 N Ave 50.

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