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Throughout the history of the City of Los Angeles since the onset of World War II, diversity, multiculturalism, and sexual orientation have played an important part of the interwoven fabric of the City. From the Zoot Suit Riots in 1944, to the Watts Riots of 1965, to the 1967 Black Cat Tavern raid, to the Chicano Blowouts of 1968, to the 1992 Los Angeles Riots, to the 2007 MacArthur Park Rallies, and even today, race and ethnic tensions, as well as sexual orientation, continue to dominate the conversation in the most diverse city in the United States, the City of Angels.

Given the heightened state of awareness regarding ethnic, race, and LGBTQ relations throughout the nation over the last several weeks and months, it is essential and necessary for all of the residents of the City of Los Angeles to engage in a conversation to move this City and this nation into the 21st Century, ensuring that the promise of the Declaration of Independence is realized, providing that all individuals are created equal, and that we are all entitled to certain unalienable rights, among those being life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

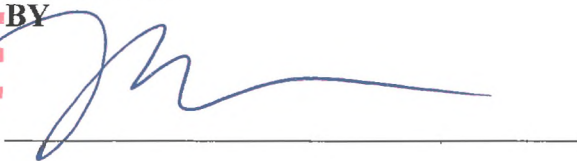
WE THEREFORE MOVE to instruct the Human Relations Commission, with the assistance of the Cultural Affairs Department, the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission, the Housing and Community Investment Department, and all relevant non-profits, to report back within 60 days with a plan to engage in conversations and activities throughout the City of Los Angeles with regard to race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, diversity, and multiculturalism.

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