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The City of Los Angeles is currently in the midst of a broad and fruitful discussion regarding planning processes. This discussion coincides with the appointment of a new Planning Director and presents an opportunity for the City Council to address the most pressing opportunities for planning reform. Communities deserve transparent, fair, and systematic processes to evaluate impacts on their neighborhoods to ensure that the city can effectively deliver on its planning responsibilities.

The City has several defunct zones that are also inconsistent with the general plan or any of the abutting zones. The Department of City Planning has been working on Recode LA, a multi-year zoning code revise. Recode then subsequent community plan updates will clarify all defunct or out of date zones in the city and update these zones to uses consistent with the zoning of parcels adjoining those zones or uses consistent with other similar parcels. The most common example of a defunct zone that often leads to site specific zone changes just to become consistent with the surrounding community are P-Zones, predominantly found in the Valley. P-Zones no longer have a functional use, but any project based on a parcel with a P-Zone will have to have a discretionary action taken for the project to move forward. This process can lead communities to feel that the City is not following its zoning code as the parcel requires a change because it is out of date. These defunct zones should be comprehensively reviewed and revised in a standardized process to prevent the need for one-off zone changes in future as each parcel comes to the Planning Department when developed.

I THEREFORE MOVE, to instruct the Department of City Planning, with assistance from the City Attorney, to prepare and present an ordinance that would amend the allowable uses, restrictions, and areas of P and PB zones to include the allowable uses, restrictions, and areas of the most restrictive abutting zone that is consistent with the General Plan Designation.

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