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The thirty-two mile stretch of the Los Angeles River within city boundaries is a focal point for making a thriving river and riverfront and establishing it as a major destination. In 2007, the Council adopted the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (LARRMP). Since the Plan's adoption, much work has been done, and there is an opportunity now to recognize achievements and assess the blueprint's goals and implementation. A major achievement to date is the summer Recreation Zone program, which is a result of a unique partnership among the City's Bureau of Sanitation, Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority, County of Los Angeles and the US Army Corps of Engineers that allows the public safe access to exercise, fish and kayak on the river. Innovative relationships such as this are ways to achieve the broad goals of the LARRMP.

As a reminder, the Council used the following guiding principles as a vision for development along the river when it established the LARRMP:

1. Establish environmentally sensitive urban design guidelines, land-use guidelines, and development guidelines for the River zone to create economic development opportunities to enhance and improve river adjacent communities by providing open space, housing, and retail spaces, such as restaurants and cafes.
2. Improve the environment, enhance water quality, improve water resources and improve the ecological functioning of the River.
3. Provide public access to the River.
4. Provide significant recreation space and open space, new trails, and improve the natural habitats to support wildlife.
5. Preserve and enhance the flood control features of the River.
6. Foster a growth in community awareness of and pride in the Los Angeles River.

The Council should have City departments report on their progress in meeting the LARRMP objectives. Specifically, the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, Bureau of Sanitation, Department of Water and Power, Department of City Planning, and the Department of Transportation should report on river related activities under their purview. The status reports should outline the major accomplishments, investments, partnerships, and future projects to address the goals of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, Bureau of Sanitation, Department of Water and Power, Department of City Planning, Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Department of Transportation to report, in 60 days, on major projects, programs, partnerships and investments implemented in their efforts to address the LARRMP.

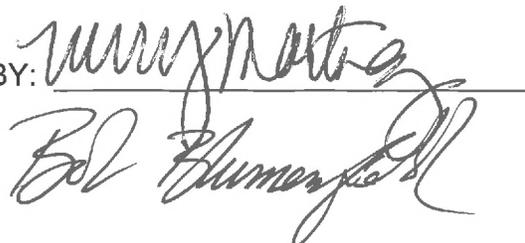
I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the assistance of the Bureau of Engineering and the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, to report on the feasibility of expanding RAP's presence regarding recreation and park activities along the river.

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