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| TO Council | DATE 04/02/20 | COUNCIL FILE NO. 16-0752 |
| FROM Municipal Facilities Committee | COUNCIL DISTRICT 15 | |

The Municipal Facilities Committee (MFC) transmits the attached Department of General Services (GSD) report on the unused former Watts library (Former Library) as a communication from the Chair. The Former Library is vacant, has been out of commission since 1996 and is no longer needed by the City. Adoption of the report recommendations would authorize GSD, in compliance with AB-1486, to make a "surplus land declaration" for the city-owned property located at 1501 East 103rd St., Los Angeles, CA 90002 and to proceed with disposition actions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: There is no immediate fiscal impact on the General Fund for the surplus property declaration.



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Attention: Leyla Campos, Legislative Assistant

**REQUEST FOR "SURPLUS LAND" DECLARATION FOR
CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN COMPLIANCE WITH AB-1486 REQUIREMENTS**

The Department of General Services (GSD), in compliance with AB-1486, requests to declare as "surplus lands" for the eventual sale of the Old Watts Library, located at 1501 E. 103rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90002, Assessor Parcel Numbers 6048-012-930 ("Property").

BACKGROUND

Under direction authorized by Council Motion, Council File 16-0752, approved on July 1, 2016, GSD has been working on the sale of the former Watts Library (Library) at 1501 E. 103rd Street and preparing documents to be presented to Council to effectuate this sale.

The Library has been out of commission since 1996 and is therefore not needed by the City. The sale of this underutilized property would fall in line with Council District 15's plans to revitalize the Watts Civic Center.

The new State Law, AB-1486 which took effect on January 1, 2020, amends the current process for disposing of City lands. AB-1486 requires that "Land shall be declared either surplus Land or exempt surplus land, as supported by written findings, before a local agency may take any action to dispose of it consistent with an agency's policies or



procedures prior to sale negotiations.” Therefore, GSD is requesting that Council declare this property “Surplus Land.”

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

| ADDRESS/APN | LOT SIZE | CD |
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| 6048-012-930 | 22,392 | 15 |

FINDINGS

City finds the Property is not needed for any City purpose.


FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council, subject to Mayor approval:

1. Find and Determine that the Property, as described in this report, is no longer required for use by the City and that the public interest is best served by its disposal;
2. Declare that the Property is “Surplus Lands” under AB 1486.


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