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The former Lincoln Heights Jail, located at 401 North Avenue 19, presents a unique and exciting opportunity to preserve and adaptively reuse an historic building that has long been a landmark in Los Angeles with creative and innovative uses. The classic Art-Deco facility, constructed in 1931, with an addition in 1949, functioned as a City jail until 1965. Subsequent to that, the building was used by City departments and later the Bilingual Arts Foundation which made it their home until 2014. Adaptive reuse of the site will allow the City to serve its economic development goals, activate a City facility that is currently vacant, create much needed jobs, and stimulate the local economy - all with careful consideration of community needs and preservation of the historic structure.

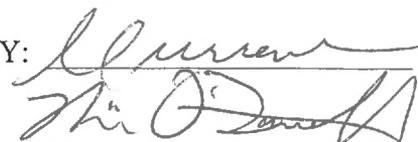
In March 2009, (C.F. 08-3262), the Council adopted actions which directed City staff to report with recommendations for initiating a Request for Proposals for the reuse of the former Lincoln Heights Jail and report with recommendations for its potential use. Since then the City has taken additional steps to study the site.

The City has commissioned various studies of the site, including an Environmental Phase One Site Assessment, an Historic Structures Report and updated Adaptive Reuse Report to identify improvements necessary for the building and site for safe use. Additionally, the City issued a Request for Interest in April 2016 to generate conceptual ideas for consideration on the range of potential development opportunities for the site in the current economic and cultural environment and which also identified potential applicants for a Request for Proposal.

In May 2016, the Council adopted an Asset Management Strategic Planning Framework which establishes the process to evaluate City properties for economic development use and determine their future use. In order, for staff to continue to proceed, the City must take the necessary steps to make the site available for economic development purposes.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Administrative Officer's Asset Management Strategic Planning group, in consultation with the Economic and Workforce Development Department, City Attorney and any necessary City departments, to: 1) report with the necessary steps and findings to designate the former Lincoln Heights Jail, located at 401 North Avenue 19, a site for economic development purposes; 2) develop and issue a Request for Proposals; and 3) report to Council with the results of the RFP.

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