

# HOUSING

## MOTION

## ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, PARKS, AND RIVER

It is clear that Los Angeles has an extreme shortage of affordable housing for lower-income families. According to a September 2016 BAE Urban Economics report prepared for the City of Los Angeles, economic growth and a strong demand for housing in Los Angeles have created substantial price and rent increases, causing more and more middle and lower income households to be priced out of the marketplace.

Over 61 percent of renter households in Los Angeles pay more than 30 percent of their income on housing and are in need of an affordable housing alternative. In addition, the median renter household incomes are decreasing while LA median rents have risen, thus compounding the affordability problem.

Equally clear is that Los Angeles suffers from an extreme shortage of parks to serve its residents, and the South Los Angeles is no exception. The average population density in the City is 8,092 persons per square mile (per 2010 United States Census). The South Los Angeles Community Plan Area has a much higher population density of 17,538 persons per square mile.

Moreover, the City overall provides approximately of 0.84 acres of neighborhood and community parkland per 1,000 residents. The South Los Angeles Community Plan Area has a ratio of 0.40 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents, thus making it clear that the South Los Angeles Community Plan Area has a woefully inadequate number of public parks.

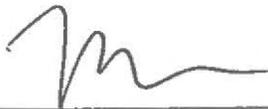
A potential unique opportunity exists for the City to take steps to address both its affordable housing and public parks shortage problem in South Los Angeles through acquisition and development of the private property located at 814 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, currently the site of the now suspended Allenco Energy oil drilling operations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Recreation and Parks Department, the Los Angeles Housing and Community Development Department, and the Economic and Workforce Development be requested to report back in 60 days with an assessment of the feasibility of utilizing the 814 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street property for a public park or a combined public park and affordable housing project, as well as any ancillary supportive uses.

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