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The City of Los Angeles is currently constructing the new Sixth Street Viaduct between Boyle Heights and the Arts District in Downtown Los Angeles. As part of the project, the city will be constructing a new 12-acre \$29 million park below the bridge, as well as \$25 million in multimodal connections from the surrounding neighborhoods to the new park.

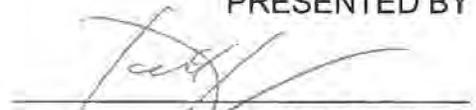
The existing infrastructure on both sides of the bridge has been designed for industrial uses, not high pedestrian volumes. Sidewalks and pedestrian lighting do not exist, and these and other significant infrastructure upgrades are needed to create a safe, and accessible public space. Currently, many overhead power lines crisscross the site and should be relocated so that they do not interfere with the usable park space and to reduce visual blight for this 12 acre public park. Other power poles could provide an impediment for direct access to the park for the neighboring residents.

In order to provide the maximum public benefit and to maximize public safety and accessibility, creating an underground utility district adjacent to the bridge is necessary.

I THEREFORE MOVE that, under the authority granted by Ordinance 145,148, the Department of Public Works and Department of Water and Power be requested to prepare for consideration a study detailing the feasibility of creating a Rule 20A underground wiring district in the area bounded by the 101 Freeway on the east, 7th Street on the south, 4th Street on the north, and Mateo Street on the west.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Public Works and Department of Water and Power report back on a phasing plan in order to implement the proposed underground wiring district.

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