

MOTION

PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT

“Innov818”

The San Fernando Valley is historically the technological core of the aerospace industry in southern California. The West Valley has been the hub of industry and innovation going back to the beginnings of the aerospace industry. In fact, in the early 1960’s, 70% of the Valley’s 1 million residents depended on this industry for their livelihood. As a result, the Chatsworth and Northridge communities are home to many restricted light industrial properties which need to be preserved, inasmuch as the zones and accompanying land use categories are suitable for the location of high-tech, clean-tech, green-tech and bio-tech uses. This area is unique in the City of Los Angeles as one of the few contiguous areas with this tremendous opportunity for multiple complimentary uses.

Though this is an area with potential for the re-use and redevelopment of existing buildings, these properties are also potential targets for re-zoning for uses which may be in conflict with the existing community and general plan framework. Redevelopment efforts that stray from existing land use controls, have the potential to negatively impact the economic character of the West Valley and destroy our history and culture along with it.

The continued siting of restricted light industrial uses within the Chatsworth and Northridge communities is of utmost importance to the economic development of our San Fernando Valley communities, but also for the City and the entire southern California region.

The City, therefore, needs to ensure that the necessary land use policies are enacted and enforced to designate and preserve this area as a light industrial hub and as an engine of economic development and growth. The goal of this effort is to establish this area as a vibrant green-tech, clean-tech and incubation space to attract technologically modernized industries that support high paying jobs. The first step toward achieving this goal is to define and designate the boundaries of this area. The second step includes a partnership, between Council District 12 and the City Planning Department, to develop an inventory of assets in the area including transportation modes, housing and infrastructure, schools and education, fiber and internet speed capabilities, power assessments and the unique culture of the West Valley.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Planning Department in consultation with the Bureau of Engineering and other appropriate departments as necessary, report to Council with a detailed assessment of assets in the proposed Innov818 geographical area generally bounded by the following geographical boundaries: Topanga Canyon Boulevard on the West; Lassen Street on the North (between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Mason Avenue); Mason Avenue on the East (between Lassen Street and Plummer Street); Plummer Street east bound to Corbin Avenue (between Mason Avenue and Corbin Avenue); Corbin Avenue on the east (between Plummer Street and Nordhoff Street); and Nordhoff Street on the South (between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Corbin Avenue). This asset assessment should include but not be limited to transportation, housing and infrastructure, schools and education, fiber and internet speed capabilities, power assessments and cultural features.



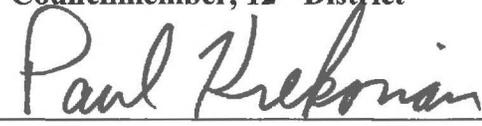
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