

MOTION

The City of Los Angeles recognizes the crucial role parks play in improving the lives of Angelenos and the neighborhoods in which they live in, and is continuously working to increase parks and park access for residents. However, more work remains to be done.

According to the Trust for Public Land, Los Angeles in 2017 ranked 74th out of 100 U.S. cities for park access. As we continue to grow, we must seize upon every opportunity to bring more parks, and all their associated benefits for neighborhoods, businesses, and individuals, to the City of Los Angeles.

Such an opportunity exists on North Larchmont Boulevard, in the heart of Larchmont Village in Council District Four. There, a portion of a city-owned surface parking lot can be transformed into a playground that will serve the many children and families who live and shop in Larchmont Village. The half-square mile neighborhood surrounding the Larchmont Village shopping area is one of the densest in Los Angeles. Additionally, the neighborhood's many local businesses and historic architecture make it a popular location among visitors as well.

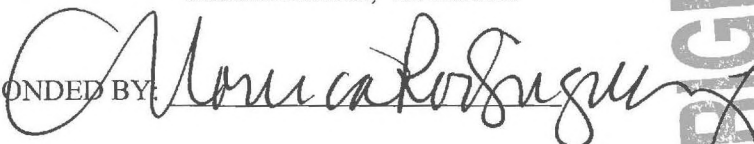
The residents, business owners and community leaders of Larchmont are in strong support of immediately adding a small playground and pocket park on this property currently operated by the Department of Transportation. Local homeowners, neighborhood and business associations - recognizing the benefits such a park will bring to residents, visitors and businesses alike - have voiced their strong support for the park, and have collected funds to support the installation and management of the site.

I THEREFORE MOVE to recommend that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners consider the City Council recommendation to accept the transfer of jurisdiction and control of the property located at the City address of 209 N. Larchmont Blvd, identified as Legal Lot 36 of Block 2 of Tract Number 3501 with an APN of 5515-018-900, to be set apart and dedicated as park property in perpetuity.

I FURTHER MOVE to instruct the Department of General Services to immediately process the non-financial transfer of jurisdiction and control to the Department of Recreation and Parks, from the Department of Transportation; the parcel identified as Parking Lot Number 694 with Assessor's Parcel Number 5515-018-900, at the address of 209 N. Larchmont Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90004, more specifically identified as, and/or a portion of Lot 36 that the Department of Recreation and Parks determines would make the development of the proposed park project viable. The transfer will allow for the construction, operation and management of the proposed park site.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks be authorized to accept donations from the Los Angeles Parks Foundation or other community organizations or community members to effectuate the goal of adding a playground or miniature park on the site.

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SECONDED BY: 

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