

MOTION **PLANNING AND LAND USE
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Nuisance properties are a longstanding concern in the City of Los Angeles, empty structures often owned by developers in the process of completing the entitlement phase of projects are prime targets for blight and criminal activity. The nuisance created by these properties pulls resources from the LAPD, LAFD, and the Department of Building and Safety all of whom have to respond to calls for service generated by these properties.

Currently, the entitlement process in the City of Los Angeles requires that a developer have approved plans for a new project before they can be granted a demolition permit. The entitlement process in the City of Los Angeles can be lengthy and is often delayed depending on the degree of complexity of a proposed project. This can leave empty structures without use or occupancy for years at a time, this creates a space that can be used for criminal activity and an opportunity for vandalism. The effect on emergency response and building and safety resources, coupled with the negative impact on neighborhood safety caused by these empty properties is substantial.

It is for this reason that it is essential for the City to develop a structural demolition policy that allows for developers in the entitlement process to demolish structures without the need for approved plans. This will ensure that emergency response and building and safety resources are preserved for highest priority needs.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of City Planning and the Department of Building and Safety be **DIRECTED** to report with recommendations on a new structural demolition policy that allows developers in the entitlement process to be granted demolition permits for properties that have become a public nuisance, without the need for an approved set of plans, while ensuring compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the protection of historical resources.

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