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April 21, 2021

Honorable Members of the
City Council of the
City of Los Angeles

CD No. 15

Attention: Mr. John White, City Clerk's Office

Subject: RESOLUTION NO. 20-9651 – PROPOSED TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF A PORTION OF REMNANT RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT TO THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Pursuant to Section 373 of the City Charter, enclosed for your approval is Resolution No. 20-9651 authorizing proposed Order No. 20-7281, along with corresponding Ordinance, for transfer of jurisdiction and control of a portion of remnant railroad right-of-way from the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department to the General Services Department; which was approved at the June 4, 2020 meeting of the Board of Harbor Commissioners. The proposed action will transfer jurisdiction and control of a 7,217 square foot, City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) property interest, currently residing within the Harbor District, located on Channel Street west of Pacific Avenue (Subject Property), to the General Services Department (GSD) of the City of Los Angeles. The Subject Property is a remnant portion of a rail right-of-way that is not developable for maritime purposes and lies outside of the safety clearance zone necessary for rail operations on the remaining rail right-of-way. As such, the Harbor Department is deeming it surplus under this action. The Subject Property will be transferred immediately upon City Council approval, where-is, as-is. The Subject Property is currently occupied by a closed, non-permitted skate park. Taking action to transfer the jurisdiction and control of the Subject Property to GSD would enable the local Council District, through GSD, to realize its long-standing desire to open a skate park to the public. There is no impact to the General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the proposed action is generally and categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article II, Section 1 and Article III, Class 12 of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. APPROVE Harbor Department Resolution No. 20-9651 authorizing proposed Order No. 20-7281, along with corresponding Ordinance, for transfer of jurisdiction and control of a portion of remnant railroad right-of-way from the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department to the General Services Department; and
3. Return to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for further processing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Commission Secretary

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