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In July of 2018, the Department of Recreation and Parks issued a "Parks Condition Assessment Report," summarizing the site conditions and recommended improvements for all parks owned by the Department of Recreation and Parks. The report covers assessments of over 16,000 acres of parkland at 559 park sites in the City of Los Angeles including regional parks, recreation centers, pools and bathhouses, senior centers, lakes, trails, picnic areas, and playgrounds.

The report identifies \$2.1 billion in improvements including the replacement of 20 recreation centers, 12 pool and bathhouse facilities, outdoor improvements such as landscape and tree planting, replacement or upgrades to irrigation systems, accessibility, energy and water conservation improvements, as well as building improvements such as kitchen and restroom upgrades, lighting improvements, heating, ventilation and air condition system replacements or upgrades, and general building maintenance repairs, such as roofing, flooring and painting.

Unfortunately, the guaranteed revenue mandated by § 593(a) of the City Charter is no longer enough to sustain the operations of the Department and fund critical infrastructure improvements, and the LA For Kids Program (Prop K) will expire in 2026.

On December 6, 2021, Mayor Eric Garcetti issued Executive Directive 31 - "Achieving Park Equity," which, among other actions, directed, "CAO, in consultation with RAP, BOE, the Chief Legislative Analyst, and the City Attorney, shall work with stakeholders, including the Park Equity Working Group and other park advocates, to evaluate the possibility of a park funding measure with strong equity components."

With the City hosting the 2028 Summer Olympics, and several of Recreation & Parks facilities serving as venues for various competitions, we must act now, to ensure all needed upgrades and repairs are completed prior to the games.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, and any other departments, as needed, be DIRECTED to hire a consultant to assist in the development of a ballot measure to provide funding for the purposes identified in the "Parks Condition Assessment Report" and Executive Directive 31, "Achieving Park Equity."

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