

MOTION

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PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT

On Friday, February 9, 2024, the Council adopted a Motion (de Leon-Krekorian), CF 24-0114, ordering the permittee to secure the Oceanwide Plaza property site located at 1101 South Flower Street, removing all encroachments from the public right of way to its original condition, or construct improvements in accordance with the associated B Permit for this site.

The unfinished Oceanwide Plaza property has been a blight on Downtown Los Angeles' South Park neighborhood. Started in 2015, the project's construction was abruptly halted in late 2019 after funding for the project was cut off. Oceanwide Plaza has experienced trespassing and vandalism over the last few years, and criminal activity has increased exponentially over the last month, peaking over the last several days.

The restoration of the public right of way to its prior condition is not possible until after abatement of the vacant and unsecured structure occurs by cleaning, fencing, and securing or barricading the building, which the Council approved funding sources to pay for this work (CF 24-0114-S1) on February 16, 2024.

Subsequent to the Council's adoption of the abovementioned funding sources to secure the Oceanwide Plaza site, the City Attorney has advised that an ordinance is needed to allow the City to hire private security to secure private properties.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council request the City Attorney, in consultation with the Department of Building and Safety, and the Police Department, to prepare and present an ordinance with an urgency clause to enable speedy implementation, to amend the Municipal Code to allow the City to secure private properties that have become a present, imminent, extreme and immediate hazard or danger to life or limb, health or safety, and to secure vacant buildings subject to abatement pursuant to Division 7, Article 8, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, by taking any steps that are necessary or appropriate and may cause the building, structure or premises or any portion thereof to be immediately vacated, barricaded, secured, removed or demolished by such means as the Department of Building and Safety may deem advisable, including through the use of contactors or outside security personnel.

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