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For a long time the Department of Water and Power (DWP) parking lot across Hope Street from the Music Center has served the Civic Center community and the arts community, including many performance-goers as an easy in, easy out, above-ground lot at reasonable parking rates compared with the Music Center's 1,000-space underground garage.

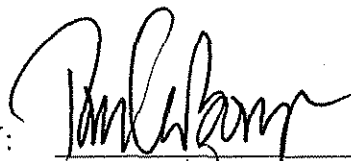
Since last month, however, the DWP lot has been made unavailable for this purpose. This has created many problems for Music Center patrons, resulting in some difficulties and hasty dashes to make opening curtains.

The 350 DWP parking spaces were made unavailable after the DWP decided that public parking during off hours and on weekends could pose a security problem.

Inasmuch as this parking lot is so important to the downtown arts community, we need to devise a way to re-open the DWP parking lot for patrons of the Music Center complex.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power be requested to report with recommendations for reopening the DWP parking lot on Hope Street across the street from the Music Center for patrons of the Music Center complex performances as well as for other cultural and community events.

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