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The Jefferson Park Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) represents a significant initiative by the City to preserve the architectural and historical integrity of a vital community. Established through Council Motions (C.F. 02-1487 and reinitiated in 2006 via Motion (Wesson - Reyes), the HPOZ encompasses approximately 2,287 parcels within the West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Park and South Los Angeles Community Plan Areas. The geographical boundaries are delineated by Adams Boulevard to the North, Exposition Boulevard/Jefferson Boulevard to the South, Arlington Avenue/Western Avenue to the East, and 7th Avenue to the West, all situated within Council District 10.

The establishment and subsequent amendment of an HPOZ are governed by specific criteria outlined in the HPOZ Ordinance. The preceding Historic Resources Survey identified 2,009 properties, of which 1,359 (68%) were classified as contributing resources. Many of these properties retain a high degree of integrity, reflecting the quality craftsmanship and consistent maintenance prevalent within the neighborhood. The Cultural Heritage Commission certified the accuracy and completeness of this survey for Jefferson Park on May 5, 2011. Subsequently, in May 2011, the City Planning Commission unanimously approved the Jefferson Park HPOZ, affirming that the structures, landscaping, and natural features within the designated zone satisfied the criteria for historic preservation and contributed significantly to the architectural history and historic associations of the area.

However, a notable omission occurred during the initial establishment of the Jefferson Park HPOZ. A substantial segment of properties located on the south side of Adams Boulevard, specifically between 7th Avenue and Edgehill Drive, were excluded from the ordinance defining the HPOZ boundary. This exclusion is particularly significant given that these parcels are thoroughly documented in SurveyLA (published in 2012 and revised in July 2016) as integral contributors to both the Adams Boulevard Courtyard Apartments Historic District and the Jefferson Park Historic Preservation Overlay Zone.

The City should rectify this omission through a targeted spot zoning ordinance, thereby emphasizing the historical significance of these properties and acknowledging their rightful merit for preservation. Amending the Jefferson Park HPOZ to include these parcels is consistent with the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and sound zoning practice.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Planning Department to initiate and complete all necessary proceedings for an amendment to the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone in the Jefferson Park Neighborhood in Council District 10 to incorporate the geographical area bounded by Seventh Avenue to Edgehill Drive on the south side of Adams Boulevard within ninety (90) days of the adoption of this motion; and

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I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the Planning Department to reference previous analyses to support the proposed expansion of the Jefferson Park HPOZ boundaries; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare and present an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance that originally established the Jefferson Park HPOZ to incorporate the previously excluded properties on the south side of Adams Boulevard between 7th Avenue and Edgehill Drive.

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SECONDED BY:



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EXHIBIT A

