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From the 1970's until 2008, the West L.A. Civic Center Plaza was a world famous skateboarding destination known as "the West LA Courthouse" that became immortalized in the early days of home video, on YouTube, in video games, and in other early social media outlets. This organically created skateboarding haven became known the world over as people traveled from around the world to visit and skate.

In 2008, however, the City installed skate stops to the cement infrastructure, and the skating community moved on. Over the years, skateboarders have never forgotten about the historic importance of the location and have been dreaming of it reopening. The Courthouse is more than just a place to skateboard — it is a place that provided healthy and safe recreational opportunities for youth and where skateboarders built community. It is where skateboarding legends and everyday skateboarders learned and honed their skills and taught the next generation.

Council District 11 now wishes to remove the skate stops and allow skateboarding to occur naturally as it once did. It is in the City's interest to reactivate the site to allow for passive skateboard use. General Services Department (GSD) has oversight over the West L.A. Civic Center and should work with any appropriate City agencies and experts to assess and make any necessary repairs to address any identified issues at this Plaza.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of General Services be instructed to work with any appropriate City agencies and experts to conduct a needs assessment of the existing infrastructure of the West L.A. Civic Center Plaza and be directed to make any necessary upgrades or repairs, including signage, to ensure the integrity of the existing infrastructure for skateboarding activity.

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