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The City owns a public parking structure at 1627 Vine Street in Council District 13, which is operated by the Department of Transportation and contains a vacant ground-level retail space. On February 1, 2017, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for use of the retail space, which did not yield any responses. In January 2018, the City entertained an unsolicited offer to lease the space for a period of one year that did not progress to occupancy by the intended tenant, and the space is still vacant.

The adjacent Walk of Fame is a world-renowned cultural monument and cornerstone of the tourist experience for many millions of visitors to Los Angeles each year, yet one of the basic visitor-serving amenities it lacks are clean and safe public restrooms. Moreover, freely accessible restrooms are fundamental to compassionately meeting the basic human needs of unhoused Angelenos living on the streets of Hollywood. As a result, a number of local social service providers, residents, businesses, and property owners have submitted letters of support for public restrooms at this location.

Hollywood Partnership Ventures (dba Hollywood Partnership Community Trust) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation affiliated with Hollywood Property Owners Alliance (dba The Hollywood Partnership), the entity responsible for management of the Hollywood Entertainment District (HED) property-based business improvement district (BID). Hollywood Partnership Community Trust proposes to construct and operate a public-serving restroom and concierge visitor information center in the City-owned retail space. The Hollywood Partnership would staff the restroom with cleaning and safety ambassadors during all hours of public operation to ensure a comfortable and safe user experience for all and would be responsible for the design, construction, and operation of the proposed restrooms.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of General Services, with the assistance of the Department of Transportation, be authorized to negotiate a lease or license agreement with Hollywood Partnership Ventures, a non-profit organization, for City-owned space located at 1627 Vine Street, for the construction and operation of a public restroom and concierge visitor information center.

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