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The mission of the Healthy Neighborhood Market Network (HNMN) is to ensure access for all Angelenos to fresh produce available within a half mile of their residence. Many areas of the Harbor Region and South Los Angeles are considered food deserts, as there is a high concentration of corner markets, liquor stores, and fast-food restaurants in junction with a dearth of supermarkets. This phenomenon primarily impacts low-income neighborhoods and communities of color and infringes upon access to healthy diet options in these areas.

Over the past several years, the HNMN helped empower small business owners in these areas to bring healthy food into their communities by increasing food access and supporting community and economic development. By providing store owners with training and guidance as well as upgrades to their stores, the HNMN has transformed these neighborhood markets into bastions of healthy and affordable food.

Since 2016, the HNMN program has completed six transformation projects, provided training to more than 50 store owners, helped increase average produce revenues by 124 percent, and increased average weekly profit for these stores by $1,453. These markets are providing critical access for residents in these areas to healthier food options and increasing the economic vitality of their communities. By expanding the existing program into underserved areas of Council District 15, the HNMN program can enhance food options in these communities and build toward a healthier future for all Angelenos.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) to report on expanding the Healthy Neighborhood Market program to Council District 15, with a focus on the qualifying neighborhoods of Harbor City and Watts.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct EWDD to collaborate with the Council Office and local stakeholders in determining site selection to ensure community and operational support for future applicants and program participants, subject to eligibility.

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