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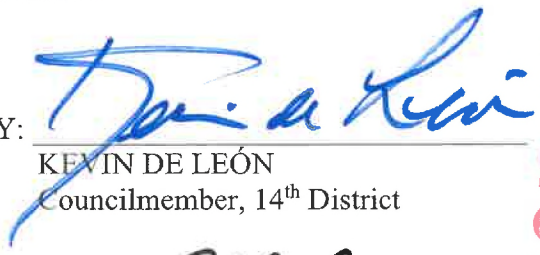
At the intersection of Soto Street and 7th Street in Boyle Heights, there is a pedestrian tunnel that was formerly used by students to safely cross under Soto Street to access Soto Street Elementary School. However, students and their families can no longer use this tunnel to cross safely and the ongoing issues at this site have created numerous public safety hazards.

There have been reports of people living in the tunnel and reports of illegal activity, including illicit drug use, within the tunnel. During storm events this area floods, with trash and debris flowing out of the tunnel. Additionally, school staff and faculty have reported the sound of explosions emanating from within the tunnel.

Rather than providing safe passage for the Soto Street Elementary students and parents, this pedestrian tunnel has provided harbor for illicit activity and dangerous conditions. The City should take the steps necessary to permanently close this tunnel and abate ongoing public safety hazards that are taking place at this site.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the Department of Transportation and any other appropriate City departments, be instructed to report with recommendations, including estimated costs and funding options, to permanently close the pedestrian tunnel at the intersection of Soto Street and 7th Street, adjacent to Soto Street Elementary School, to abate public safety issues occurring at this location.

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