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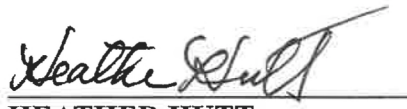
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Each year the Trust for Public Land (TPL) ranks the park systems of the 100 most populous U.S. cities. The study takes into account equity, access, investment, amenities and overall acreage of green space. According to the most recent report published on May 21, 2025, the City ranked 90th where just five years ago it ranked 49th. TPL data shows that more than 1.5 million Los Angeles residents lack a park within ten minutes of home. A lack of green spaces is linked to poorer health outcomes, including higher rates of obesity, heart disease, and diabetes.

Though the City was on par with the rest of the nation for what percent of its land is designated for parks and recreation, low scores were given to the City for park amenities and total investment in its park systems. For example, the City was awarded 11 out of a possible 100 points for its total number of playgrounds compared to the population. The TPL reports that the City has five playgrounds per 10,000 children. Additionally, according to TPL, the City has invested \$111 per person in its parks system where as the top two cities in California, Irvine and San Francisco, have invested \$681 and \$561 per person, respectively, over the last three fiscal years. In order to address the lack of park spaces in Council District 10, the Department of Recreation and Parks should explore the development of a park at Degnan Plaza located at the intersection of Norton Avenue, Edgehill Drive, and Degnan Boulevard.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation and Parks with assistance from the Bureau of Street Services, Bureau of Engineering, Department of Transportation and Department of General Services to report, with input from the local community, on the feasibility of vacating portions of the public right-of-way at Degnan Plaza in Council District 10 for the development of a park.

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