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The City of Los Angeles faces a persistent challenge with hundreds of blighted or underutilized properties complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. The City's Brownfields Program, operated by the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), has played a critical role in transforming these sites into affordable housing, parks, business hubs, and community assets. Since its inception in 1998, the Program has secured millions in federal and state grants, leveraged significant private capital, and provided vital environmental job training for underserved residents.

The Program's continued success depends on stable funding to maintain site inventory, conduct environmental assessments, finance cleanups, and align with the City's environmental justice and climate resiliency goals. However, the lack of competitive federal and state grants, combined with current financial limitations facing the City, have challenged the Brownfields Program. As such, future funding must be strategically planned and diversified to ensure the program's sustainability; and thereby allow it to meet its various community-oriented objectives.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation, in coordination with the City Administrative Officer and other relevant departments, be instructed to report within 60 days with long-term strategies to sustain and expand funding for the City's Brownfields Program, including but not limited to: federal, state, and philanthropic grant opportunities; public-private financing models; and other viable financing models.

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