MOTION

The Panorama City Recreation Center Splash Pad, a critical public amenity in the Northeast San Fernando Valley, has been out of service since the summer of 2019. During increasingly frequent and intense heatwaves, this facility has historically provided much-needed relief to families and children in the community. Recently, the splash pad was briefly reactivated but broke down again after just two days, leaving it once more out of service. These ongoing inconsistencies are unfair to residents who rely on this site for safe and local cooling, and they underscore the need for reliable, modern infrastructure, especially in a community that hits temperatures exceeding 100 degrees during heat wayes.

Additionally, a new splash pad has been planned for Allegheny Park. While the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) has already acquired the necessary permits to begin construction, progress is currently delayed due to vehicles obstructing access to the work area. This administrative and logistical issue must be resolved urgently to move the project forward. As the Allegheny Park Splash Pad continues being built, we must make sure that both existing and prospective splash pads are properly functional. In light of ongoing impacts of climate change and the critical need for equitable access to dependable cooling infrastructure, it is essential that the City take prompt action to restore and expand these community resources

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department for Recreation and Parks be instructed to report back within 30 days with:

Panorama Recreation Center Splash Pad

- A clear and specific timeline for the repair and reactivation of the Panorama City Splash Pad
- An assessment on what triggered the malfunction(s)
- A community outreach plan aimed at raising awareness of actions and behaviors that can contribute to system malfunctions
- Whether the existing equipment should be replaced or upgraded to ensure long-term reliability
- A cost estimate for the repairs and/or upgrades needed to bring the facility back into full, consistent operation, and identification of any outstanding barriers to completion.

Allegheny Park Splash Pad

- A detailed timeline and status update on the construction
- A summary of permits obtained, projected milestones, and anticipated opening date
- A cost estimate for remaining work.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the assistance of the Department of Transportation (LADOT) to expedite the removal of vehicles currently blocking construction access at Allegheny Park, and to ensure that work can proceed without further delay.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to report back within 30 days on what other publicly accessible cooling amenities or programs are available in the Northeast San Fernando Valley while the Panorama City and Allegheny Park splash pad projects remain under development.

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