

## MOTION

## ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) owns multiple parcels of land beneath and adjacent to transmission lines along Ilex Avenue in the Sun Valley neighborhood of Council District 6. These parcels are located directly in front of residential homes, remain unfenced, and are largely unimproved.

Given the growing need for accessible community spaces, particularly in neighborhoods like Sun Valley that lack sufficient recreational spaces and shade, these LADWP-owned parcels may present a valuable opportunity for adaptive reuse that benefits local residents, while maintaining LADWP's operational and safety requirements.

Across the City of Los Angeles, LADWP has partnered with communities to explore compatible uses for transmission corridor land, including passive and active recreation, community gardens, tree planting, and shade structures. A similar effort in Sun Valley could transform underutilized land into safe, shaded, and functional "third spaces" that improve quality of life and community well-being.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) with the assistance from the CLA and, in coordination with the Recreation and Parks, Bureau of Street Services, Bureau of Engineering and other related City departments, to:

- Conduct a site assessment of LADWP-owned parcels along Ilex Avenue in Sun Valley, specifically from Snelling Street to Telfair Avenue, to evaluate current conditions and identify any safety or access/liability concerns;
- Report on allowable uses for these parcels under LADWP's Right-of-Way policies, applicable zoning, public safety regulations, and any future plans for these parcels;
- Explore the feasibility of enhancing these parcels for community-serving purposes such as passive and active recreation, gathering areas, development of a dog park, and shade infrastructure (e.g., trees, gazebos, canopies, or other shade shelters);
- Engage with local stakeholders and community organizations to gather input and assess interest in potential uses; and
- Report back to the City Council within 90 days with findings and recommendations, including potential pilot programs or partnerships that could activate these sites as shared-use spaces.

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