

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to grant of a use rights agreement to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT) for access to the necessary areas at the Watts Towers Arts Center Campus in connection with the Watts Tower Arts Center Campus Project.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (McOsker – Hutt):

AUTHORIZE the Department of General Services and Department of Recreation and Parks to grant, upon completion of the Bureau of Engineering's (BOES review and approval, an appropriate use rights agreement to LANLT for access to the necessary areas at the Watts Towers Arts Center Campus to perform work needed for the development of the site in connection with the Watts Tower Arts Center Campus Project.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On October 21, 2025, your Committee considered a Motion (McOsker – Hutt) relative to grant of a use rights agreement to the LANLT for access to the necessary areas at the Watts Towers Arts Center Campus in connection with the Watts Tower Arts Center Campus Project. According to the Motion, LANLT, a non-profit organization, works to address the critical shortage of parks and green spaces in low-income communities of color within Los Angeles County. Its work aims to advance environmental justice, improve public health, and foster community resilience by creating safe and accessible green spaces. LANLT has added 22 acres of accessible green space to Los Angeles by helping create 30 parks and gardens since 2002. LANLT has been working with the Watts Towers Arts Center (WTAC) and the local community for over a decade on project development to co-create a holistic design of the Watts Towers Arts Center Campus (WTACC). The WTACC is located in the heart of Watts, consists of five acres of land, and hosts the WTAC and the Charles Mingus Youth Arts Center (CMYAC).

LANLT, at its own expense, has created a development plan for the WTACC and is prepared to begin construction. The construction will include transforming the site into a welcoming cultural campus that includes a wellness walk, interactive play elements, an outdoor amphitheater, and California native shade trees and grassland gardens to welcome visitors of all ages. Before LANLT can begin construction, the BOE will review LANLT's development plans to ensure the designs comply with the City's public space design best practices.

After gaining BOE's approval, LANLT may proceed with moving construction approvals through the City. The Department of Cultural Affairs will accept the donation of the

services and completed facilities on site upon completion of work by the LANLT, and provide a plan and funding mechanism for ongoing maintenance and repairs on the completed site as part of the annual budget process. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Government Operations Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

PADILLA: YES

LEE: YES

JURADO: YES

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