

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Jazz Festival is scheduled to debut in August 2026 with 22 days of citywide programming that is projected to attract approximately 250,000 attendees, establishing it as the largest jazz festival in the West Coast and the second largest in America, just behind the New Orleans Jazz Festival; and

WHEREAS, as a Black-owned production, the festival celebrates jazz as America's classical music rooted in African, African American, and Caribbean traditions with influences from across the African diaspora; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Jazz Festival programming will include:

- 25 free community concerts in parks across Los Angeles, prioritizing under-resourced neighborhoods in all 15 Council Districts as well as others throughout Los Angeles County;
- 150 "Jazz After Dark" evening performances at women and people of color owned restaurants and venues;
- a global "State of Jazz" industry conference bringing together international cultural leaders, musicians and the producers of the top 20 international jazz festivals worldwide;
- a free youth jazz camp serving 2,000 young people at Dockweiler Beach, which will include coastal consumer education and jazz masterclasses taught by jazz greats; and

WHEREAS, the California Coastal Commission recently approved a three-year permit, with a 10-year option, for the Los Angeles Jazz Festival to culminate at Dockweiler Beach—marking the first time in California history that a major live event has been authorized at this iconic shoreline; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Jazz Festival is expected to generate thousands of local jobs, uplift minority and women owned businesses, strengthen tourism revenue, and provide significant cultural, educational, and economic benefits to residents across the City; and

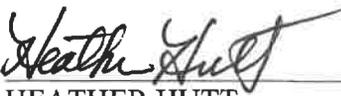
WHEREAS, festival organizers have already secured preliminary approvals from the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, the Bureau of Engineering, and the Department of City Planning, and are now prepared to enter into detailed coordination with City agencies; and

WHEREAS, festival organizers will be submitting an application to the County of Los Angeles in order to obtain a Beach Use Permit for the use of Dockweiler Beach for a free youth jazz camp serving 2,000 young people, which will include coastal consumer education and jazz masterclasses taught by jazz greats; and

WHEREAS, the County will not permit events at Dockweiler Beach without formal City of Los Angeles endorsement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby expresses support for the use of Dockweiler Beach and City Parks for the Los Angeles Jazz Festival subject to conditions and payment of applicable City services and permit fees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Cultural Affairs, with the assistance of the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Youth Development Department, report to Council with recommendations for City participation, promotion, and partnership opportunities associated with the Los Angeles Jazz Festival and its community programming.

PRESENTED BY: 
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SECONDED BY: 