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The 8th Street corridor in Council District 10 near Western Avenue contains little open space and recreational opportunities. Currently, a small segment of 8th Street between Western Avenue and the continuation of 8th Street proper is currently open to vehicular access and street parking, but does not require vehicle access to any adjacent residences or businesses.

According to the 2016 LA County Park Needs Assessment, Koreatown is the most park poor community per capita in the entire City and County of Los Angeles. Koreatown is also the densest community in the City and County with a population over 100,000 residents. Currently, the community has three recreation and parks spaces operated by the City and one under construction, including Shatto Park, Lafayette Park, Seoul International Park, and the forthcoming Pio Pico Library Park. The City is also looking to acquire Liberty Park, a new site for the Koreatown Arts & Recreation Center, as well as the expansion of a City-owned site on Kingsley Avenue and 4th Street.

The City needs to consider all options in Koreatown to create more open space, including converting public right of way into parklets. Development of a parklet project at this site would allow for the creation of additional green space of at least 15,000 square feet for community use.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Bureau of Street Services, and the City Attorney, be instructed to report with recommendations to convert 8th Street between Western Avenue and 8th Street proper into a parklet, including the feasibility of vacating the public right-of-way, to allow for pedestrian access and community enjoyment of needed green space at this location.

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