

## Community Impact Statement Recommendation

To: Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Board  
From: Livability Committee  
Date Approved by Committee: 01/13/22  
For Board Consideration on: 02/08/22

**Re: Council File 21-1467 - Passive Recreation / Open Space / Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Property Conversion / Park Equity / Executive Directive No. 31**

**Motion or Recommendation of the committee:**

The Livability Committee recommends a vote on CF 21-1467.

For	<b>X</b>
For if amended	
Against	

Committee Vote Count: Yes (4), No (0), Abstention (0), Absent (2), Recused (0)

**Summary:**

The Council File instructs the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, in coordination with the Department of Recreation and Parks, be requested to report to City Council with a plan to identify and convert appropriate LADWP property into passive recreation and open space in compliance with Executive Directive #31.

Specifically, Executive Directive #31: Achieving Park Equity, challenges the City family to "continue to be intentional in our pursuit of even more impactful, sustainable, and accessible strategies to increase parkland in the communities that need it most." Amongst other actions, it directs that a park equity and access analysis be conducted, a working group be created, that funding be increased, and for the City to work with partner agencies to identify parcels in park-deficient areas for their development.

## MOTION

Executive Directive #31: Achieving Park Equity, signed by Mayor Eric Garcetti this week, challenges the City family to “continue to be intentional in our pursuit of even more impactful, sustainable, and accessible strategies to increase parkland in the communities that need it most.” Amongst other actions, it directs that a park equity and access analysis be conducted, a working group be created, that funding be increased, and for the City to work with partner agencies to identify parcels in park-deficient areas for their development.

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) owns property and easements throughout the City that are necessary to accommodate the Department’s network of electrical lines, water conduits, and other infrastructure. In the past, LADWP has partnered with the Department of Recreation and Parks on active park projects. While successful, placing active parks on LADWP property is a complex and lengthy process that requires the identification of funding for operations, maintenance, and staffing.

These challenges are not new, and it will take time to engage our communities, analyze opportunities, and identify the dedicated funding needed to ensure the City’s commitment to equity is reflected in its parklands. While this work is being done as laid out in Executive Directive #31, LADWP should bring forward a streamlined, cost effective program, for the near-term conversion of its appropriate property into passive recreation and open space.

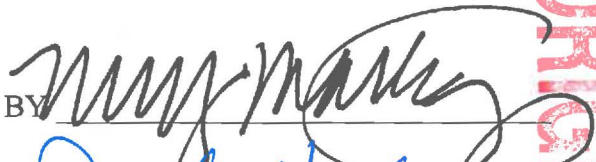
**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, in coordination with the Department of Recreation and Parks, be requested to report to City Council with a plan to identify and convert appropriate LADWP property into passive recreation and open space in compliance with Executive Directive #31.

PRESENTED BY

  
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