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Across the street from Los Angeles City Hall, at the corner of 1st Street and Broadway, is the site of a 1931 state office building red-tagged after the 1971 Sylmar earthquake, and partially demolished in 1976. In 2013 the lot was finally purchased by the City of Los Angeles from the State of California with the intention of turning it into a park to complement Grand Park next door. Following acquisition, the City held a design competition, solicited community feedback, and ultimately selected a design for a state-of-the-art park featuring a restaurant, arts plaza, and ample shade trees. As the project progressed it became clear that the cost to build the project as designed dramatically outpaced the funding available to construct it.

Over the decade of City ownership of First and Broadway, the number of Angelenos experiencing homelessness has increased exponentially. In Downtown Los Angeles alone, nearly 7,000 people – about one sixth of the City's unhoused population – are currently experiencing homelessness. Since October 2020, Council District 14 has added over 1,800 beds to the City's stock of temporary housing however more units are still urgently needed to bring people inside as soon as possible

While the City remains firmly committed to the goal of turning this parcel into a recreational space that can be enjoyed by all Angelenos, the homelessness crisis demands an "all hands on deck" approach. The City must use 217 West 1st Street, Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 5161005925 to provide additional temporary housing for people experiencing homelessness in Downtown Los Angeles.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) be instructed to develop a design for temporary homeless housing on the parcel located at 217 West 1st Street, APN 5161005925 (First and Broadway).

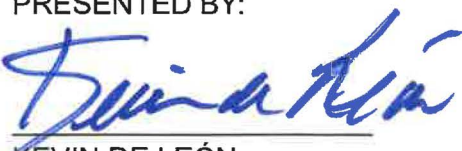
I FURTHER MOVE that BOE be instructed to include an analysis of the suitability – as measured by factors including but not limited to: resident safety and quality of life, staff safety, and access to on-site services – of various types of temporary housing in the design proposal.

I FURTHER MOVE that BOE be instructed to coordinate with the Department of Recreation and Parks on the placement of all utilities at First and Broadway to ensure optimal placement for future park usage.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be instructed to identify the necessary funding to construct temporary homeless housing on the aforementioned site.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority be requested to prioritize unhoused individuals in Downtown Los Angeles for placement in all temporary units at First and Broadway.

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