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Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners

Jimmy Kim
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VIA EMAIL

RE: Item 26-030 | Proposed Agreement for 1st and Broadway Park (FAB Park): Request for Continuance

Commissioners and Mr. Kim:

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") requests a **60-day continuance for Item 26-030** to ensure that the proposed lease of 1st and Broadway (FAB Park) involves meaningful community engagement with the various stakeholders of the Downtown Los Angeles community..

This location was specifically designated as park space to address the extreme scarcity of green and open space in DTLA, where recreation amenities are challenging to access and are a vital resource for our high-density community. The history of this site is marked by a deep sense of frustration for our community, particularly following the 2023 decision by city officials to reallocate approximately $14.4 million in existing funding away from FAB Park to other projects; this diversion of funds left a void in our civic center and has significantly impacted the local quality of life for years.[1] Because a lease of this nature represents a major shift in the City's

[1] See Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, Report No. 23-043 (Feb. 16, 2023), suspending the 1st and Broadway Civic Center Park development and reallocating $14,375,248.83 in Quimby fees, available at https://recreation.parks.lacity.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/commissioner/2023/feb16/23-043.pdf

management of public land, we believe it is a significant step that carries long-term consequences for the entire DTLA community.

We believe that the use of public land by non-governmental parties must be rooted in transparent and robust community engagement to ensure the use and services rendered meet the needs of the public. While DLANC is excited and welcomes investments in cultural and arts programming that can enrich the neighborhood, such investments must be balanced against the primary need for accessible open space through a process of broader engagement with all affected stakeholders.

We are requesting this **60-day continuance** to allow the proponents to meet directly with **DLANC** and **Council District 14**, as this would allow for additional opportunity for engagement with the community that the land is meant to serve.

We urge the Commission to grant this continuance to ensure that the park's original purpose for public assembly and green and open space is preserved through the collaborative process that this historic site and our stakeholders deserve.

Sincerely,



Jens Midthun
President,
DLANC

Cc: Council District 14 (via email)
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