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GARCETTI INTRODUCES MOTION TO CREATE ECHO PARK FILM DISTRICT

Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti today introduced a motion that would create an Echo Park Film District to help promote cooperation between film companies and the neighborhood's local businesses and residents.

"With its charming lake, historic homes, and the famed Elysian Park, the Echo Park neighborhood has become an oft-used location for filming. The new film district will help ensure that filming is a positive experience for both the neighborhood and the productions. We want to keep filming in Los Angeles and we want to make sure that filming doesn't interfere with everyday life in our community. As a resident of Echo Park, I am personally looking forward to the implementation of this collaborative effort between production companies, local business owners, community residents, and FilmLA," said Council President Garcetti.

The creation of the Echo Park Film District would set special conditions and guidelines to give the surrounding community and the City Council office more information and notice about productions in Echo Park neighborhood. The guidelines would also prohibit the use of certain areas for filming, such as city parking lots which was harming local businesses. Examples of these conditions include:

- Notifying affected residents/merchants/businesses in English and Spanish at least two days in advance of the first day of filming or in advance of any substantial preparation for all productions.
- Extended notification to Los Angeles Police Department and the affected community of at least three days prior to the work for the use of a helicopter, pyrotechnics, or gunfire.
- Restrictions on parking of production vehicles and generators, and a prohibition of blocking from view or impeding and public transit stops.
- Restrictions on the type and location of portable restrooms.
- A required community survey for exceptional filming activities, including full street closures, any filming prior to 7:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m., or filming for more than three consecutive days at any single location or multiple locations that affect residents and merchants.
- Requiring a FilmLA monitor to be on site during exceptional filming activities.
- Establishment of a community calendar to discourage filming during events such as the annual Lotus Festival.

The Echo Park Film District will be the city's second film district with guidelines and conditions. The first district is the Arts District in Downtown Los Angeles.

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