

**File Number**

07-1197

**Last Changed Date**

08/03/2007

**Title**

BOYLE HEIGHTS / FARMER'S MARKET

**Initiated by**

Huizar Mover 2007 / Rosendahl

**Subject**

Motion - The farmer's market is a time-honored tradition in which vendors gather to sell their wares once or twice per week at a designated public place. These days, farmer's markets usually take place in parks or parking lots. For many communities, farmer's markets are a well-loved source for fresh, affordable produce and locally prepared foods. The importance of a nutritious diet to controlling obesity, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes is well documented, indicating that farmer's markets are a critical public health tool. These markets, moreover, offer benefits extending far beyond the local ecosystem. They offer critically needed outlets for locally grown and organic produce, thereby supporting sustainable agricultural practices that contribute to a healthy planet. Unfortunately, communities that most need farmer's markets often lack them. While Los Angeles currently hosts dozens of thriving markets-from the venerable covered market and Third Street and Fairfax Avenue to the nascent market in Little Tokyo - the Boyle Heights Community in Council District 14 does not have access to this important resource. THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst report to City Council with a feasible strategy to establish a farmer's market in the Boyle Heights community of Council District 14. FURTHER MOVE that the CLA report includes specific recommendations to ensure that the market offers fresh produce at affordable prices and accepts federal food stamps.

**Council District**

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**Date Received**

04/17/2007

**File History**

- 4-17-07 - This day's Council session
- 4-17-07 - Ref to Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee
- 4-17-07 - File to Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee Clerk
- 6-27-07 - Communication submitted in Committee from Councilmember Huizar, dated June 27, 2007, relative to establishing a farmer's market in the Boyle Heights community that will offer fresh produce at an affordable price and accept federal food stamps - to Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee Clerk.
- 7-25-07 - Council Action - Motion ADOPTED to approve communication recommendation from Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee to INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst to report to Council with a feasible strategy to establish a farmers' market in the Boyle Heights community of Council District 14 and to include specific recommendations to ensure that the market offers fresh produce at affordable prices and accepts federal food stamps.
- 8-2-07 - File to Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee Clerk OK
- 8-3-07 - File in files