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Downtown is the civic center of Los Angeles and the site of City government. For that reason, it is a popular destination for marches, demonstrations and protests for participants to exercise their freedom of speech. The route of these marches and demonstrations often include the Historic Broadway Theater corridor, which is currently the focus of concentrated revitalization efforts.

These events result in street closures which negatively affects their customers. The ability to access shops, parking and public transportation is critical to maintaining the customer base on Broadway. When they are met with repeated street closures, particularly on weekends and holidays, the customers tend to choose to shop in neighboring areas outside of the City where such inconveniences do not occur. Ensuring that the retailers and customers along the Broadway Corridor are not adversely affected during high volume business periods is critical to maintaining the economic growth of this area.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that Council instruct the Los Angeles Police Department, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report back on:

- (1) The process and procedure for approving applications for assemblies, marches, demonstrations, protests, etc.
- (2) Consideration of logistical issues, such as when the event will occur (time of day, which day of the week), location, route, etc., any limitations that can be imposed, and the flexibility to re-route the event to other streets or locations in the City.
- (3) An analysis by the CLA, CAO with the assistance of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce on the economic impacts of local businesses of repeating events on the same street.
- (4) Recommendations on how certain areas, such as the Broadway Corridor, can be relieved from being overly burdened with being the primary locations for assemblies, marches, demonstrations, protests, etc.

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