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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS **February 26, 2019**

Reuse of Sybil Brand Institute

The Sybil Brand Institute (Institute), at the Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff Department's complex in the unincorporated area of City Terrace (4500 E City Terrace Drive), east of downtown, was the primary County correctional facility for women before it closed in 1997. The area where the facility is located is more generally known as Eastern Hill. Built in 1963, the Institute was a minimum to maximum security facility, with a design capacity of 900, and peak occupancy of 2,800. The Institute closed in 1997 because of its poor physical condition and damage caused by the 1994 Northridge earthquake. Though still managed by the Sheriff's Department, the Institute is now used for filming and other County purposes. Surrounding the site is the 10 Freeway to the north and 710 Freeway to the east. The campus houses structures and facilities that have a gross square footage of over 315,000.

The Institute in its current state is an underutilized County asset. Located in a high need unincorporated area, it provides a unique opportunity to be transformed into a community asset with potential to address affordable housing, economic development, and creation of open space and recreation. Unused and underutilized assets such as the Sybil Brand Institute can help meet the immediate and long-term needs of the surrounding community and support Los Angeles County's most socially and economically vulnerable

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residents. Named after famed local activist Sybil Brand, who dedicated her life to humanitarian causes, including improving conditions for incarcerated women, this closed jail is symbolic of the progress the County can continue to make in promoting projects and policies that meet its mission and goals of improving the quality of life of Los Angeles County residents.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, to:

1. Conduct a detailed feasibility study and strategic planning process for the adaptive reuse of Sybil Brand Institute and the Eastern Hill area with a focus on economic development, affordable housing, and open and recreational space.
    a. To advance this process, the CEO, or her designee, will consult and collaborate with County representatives from the Sheriff's Department, Homelessness Initiative, Community Development Commission, Health Agency, Department of Public Works, and Department of Regional Planning.
    b. Identify and collaborate with community stakeholders and implement a robust community engagement process.
2. Report back to the Board by December 1, 2019 with a detailed feasibility study and strategic plan to identify short and long-term reuse opportunities and constraints with the purpose of soliciting development proposals.

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