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In the last several years, there has been a proliferation of karaoke rooms permitted and opened in the City of Los Angeles, particularly in the densely populated neighborhood of Koreatown. The City Planning Department has issued several conditional use permits, many of which required vetting by the Council office and neighborhood council which led to appeals to include provisions that should be standard conditions in these establishments. As the City has streamlined permitting for alcohol and related uses, the City no longer has a good sense of the unique requirements needed, nor the enforcement resources required, to ensure that businesses with karaoke rooms operate within the law.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the City Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare and present an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) to prohibit the issuance of any applicable permits for karaoke rooms within the LAPD Olympic Division as defined by LAMC Sections 12.21, 12.22, 12.24, 103.102 and any other applicable provisions of the municipal code or administration regulations.

I FURTHER MOVE that the ICO include an Urgency Clause, making it effective upon publication, and consistent with California Government Code Section 65858, the ICO shall be effective for a period of 45 days, with the option to extend the ICO for an additional year, or until the adoption of the appropriate land use regulatory controls have been prepared by the necessary Departments, adopted by the Council and become effective, whichever occurs first.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the City Planning Department to report back with recommendations relative to karaoke rooms that will enhance public safety, ensure transparency, monitor worker rights and protections, and create a safe environment for the public and the business.

I FURTHER MOVE that \$75,000 in the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281210 (CD 10 Redevelopment Projects - Services) be transferred / appropriated to the Police Department Fund No. 100-70, Account No. 1092 (Overtime - Sworn), for the purposes of vice and conditional use permit enforcement of karaoke rooms in the Olympic Division portion of Council District 10.

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