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MOTION

Curren D. Price, Jr. Youth and Community Center

The Slauson Connect Education and Recreation Center was designed as a catalytic project to drive the economic and social growth of today's youth. Located in the heart of South Los Angeles, the surrounding community is home to more than 50,000 young people under the age of 18. The Center was created to help address the opportunity and resource gap that has historically limited access to educational enrichment, career pathways, technology, and creative spaces in underserved communities.

Facilities that combine technology, recreation, workforce development, arts, and youth enrichment are common in more affluent parts of Los Angeles. For generations, however, communities in Council District 9 have not received the same level of investment and access. Slauson Connect was envisioned to help change that by creating a state-of-the-art, youth-centered community space where young people can learn new skills, explore their interests, and prepare for the future in an environment built with their success in mind.

The Center's mission is to provide access to technology, media production, job training, visual and graphic arts, academics, horticulture, music, mentorship, and leadership development, while also creating pathways to apprenticeships, internships, vocational training, and careers in emerging industries. By connecting young people to resources and hands-on opportunities, the Center aims to prepare the next generation for long-term success and economic mobility.

Beyond educational programming, Slauson Connect is intended to strengthen community ties and provide a safe, welcoming environment for families and young people. Spaces that encourage recreation, creativity, mentorship, and engagement can help foster stronger neighborhoods, reduce isolation, and provide positive outlets for youth.

This transformative project will combine public investment with private partnerships to support the Center's long-term programming and opportunities. The City's investment in this multi-million-dollar facility will be strengthened through partnerships with organizations capable of supporting innovative programming, workforce development initiatives, and community-serving resources that will benefit local families for years to come.

Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr. envisioned Slauson Connect as a long-term investment in the future of South Los Angeles. Its impact will be measured not only by the programs offered within its walls, but by the lives shaped inside them.

For decades to come, this project will stand as a reflection of what is possible when communities receive the investment and resources they deserve. It represents a commitment by Councilmember Price and the City to ensure a young person's future is not limited by their zip code but expanded by the opportunities placed before them.

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Given Councilmember Price's tireless work and efforts to make this facility happen, the Slauson Connect Center should be renamed after him, to honor his legacy of service and commitment to improving the lives of those in Council District Nine and the South LA community.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the General Services Department, or any other relevant department, to rename the Slauson Connect Center, the ***"Curren D. Price, Jr. Youth and Community Center"*** and install signage as appropriate.

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