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## **GARCETTI CALLS ON CITY PARKS DEPARTMENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON MILLIONS IN UNSPENT FUNDS**

*Will introduce motion to require quarterly reporting on Quimby funds*

Los Angeles – Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti today called on the Department of Recreation and Parks to regularly report to the City Council on millions of dollars in unspent funds to be used for improvements to city parks and other outdoor projects.

At tomorrow's City Council meeting, Council President Garcetti will present a motion that will require the Department to provide quarterly reports to each City Council office on the district's Quimby funds, fees collected from residential developers for outdoor improvements in the same neighborhood.

"It's troubling that in Los Angeles – where families are begging for more green and open space – we've got millions of dollars earmarked for that purpose that are going unspent," said Council President Garcetti. "We need the Department of Recreation and Parks to be more transparent about these funds so that we can actually build more parks for families to enjoy. Having this funding is great, but it's not worth much to kids who have no place to play or families with no place to picnic if the money's just sitting in a bank account."

The City of Los Angeles currently has more than \$75 million in unspent fees collected from developers under the State of California's Quimby law, which requires residential developers to pay a per-unit fee that is earmarked for outdoor improvements within two miles of the new units.

Examples of allocations of Quimby funds in Council President Garcetti's district include funding for improvements to the Hollywood Recreation Center and the development of Gordon Street Park in Hollywood.

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