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## **ENGLANDER INTRODUCES INNOV818 TO REIMAGINE THE CHATSWORTH-NORTHRIDGE INDUSTRIAL CORE**

LOS ANGELES— On August 18 (8.18 day), we celebrate the historical importance of the San Fernando Valley which makes up a majority of the 818 area code. To mark the occasion, Councilmember Mitchell Englander introduced a pair of motions designating the Chatsworth-Northridge industrial core to reinforce and reimagine the historical role of the San Fernando Valley as the region’s primary hub for new industries and technology.

“Growing up in the San Fernando Valley, I saw firsthand how the aerospace and other local technology industries shaped the economy and culture of Southern California,” said Councilmember Englander. “On this 818 Day, we have a chance to not just celebrate this history, but harness the Valley’s unique potential to foster a new generation of industries providing jobs and economic opportunity for families throughout the region.”

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The continued siting of restricted light industrial uses within the Chatsworth and Northridge communities is of utmost importance to the economic development of our San Fernando Valley communities, but also for the City and the entire southern California region. The motions introduced today will ensure that the Chatsworth-Northridge core remains as one of the few contiguous zones in Los Angeles suitable for the location of high-tech, clean-tech, green-tech and bio-tech uses.

The first step toward achieving this goal is to define and designate the boundaries of this area. The second step includes a partnership, between Council District 12 and the City Planning Department, to develop an inventory of assets in the area including transportation modes, housing and infrastructure, schools and education, fiber and internet speed capabilities, power assessments and the unique culture of the West Valley.

### **SEE ATTACHED MAP AND MOTION**

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Though this is an area with potential for the re-use and redevelopment of existing buildings, these properties are also potential targets for re-zoning for uses which may be in conflict with the existing community and general plan framework. Redevelopment efforts that stray from existing land use controls, have the potential to negatively impact the economic character of the West Valley and destroy our history and culture along with it.

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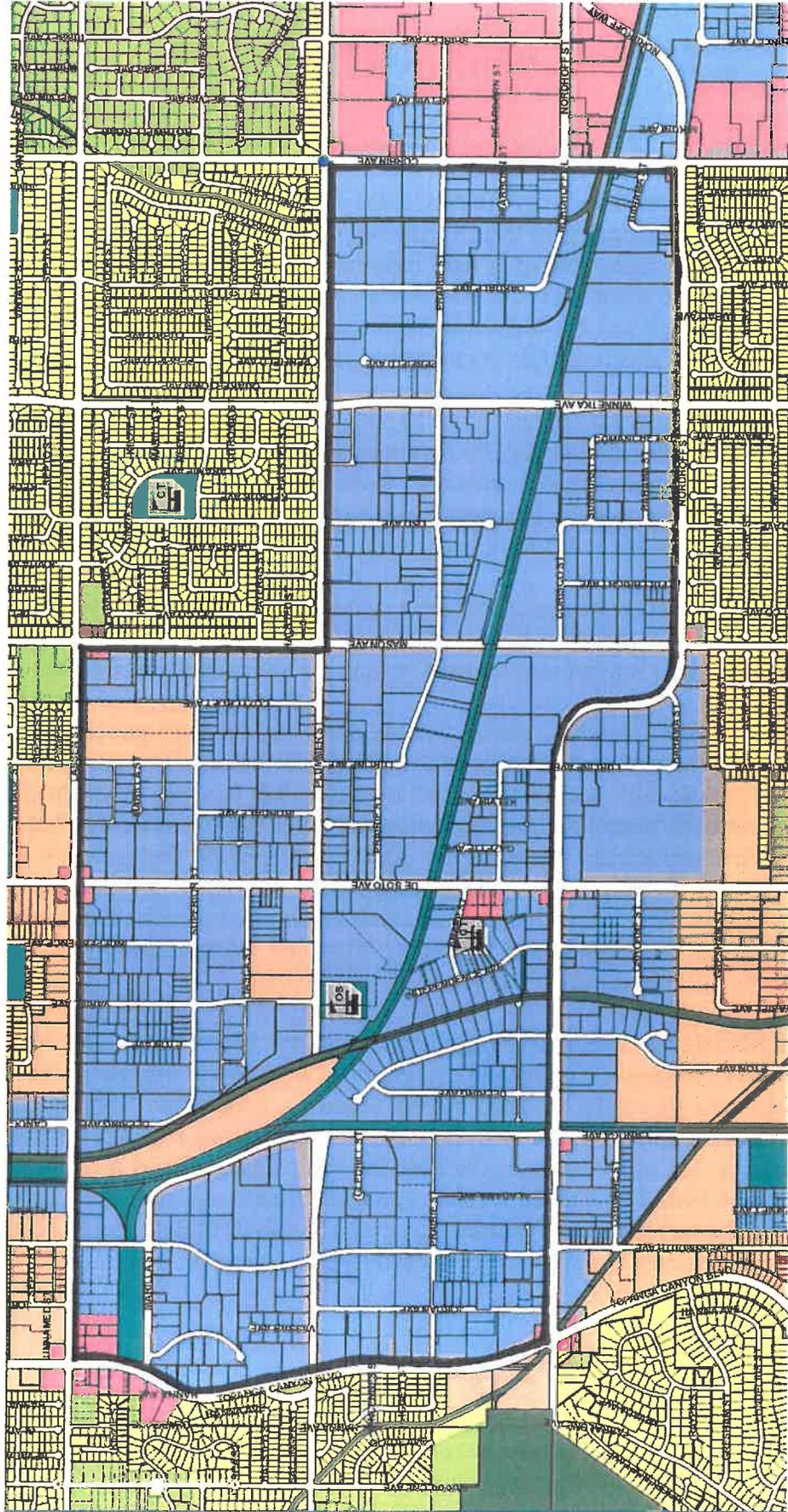
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**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Council instruct the Planning Department to prepare a report with recommendations to define and designate a *Chatsworth-Northridge Industrial Core, Innov818*, in the area generally bounded by the following geographical boundaries: Topanga Canyon Boulevard on the West; Lassen Street on the North (between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Mason Avenue); Mason Avenue on the East (between Lassen Street and Plummer Street); Plummer Street east bound to Corbin Avenue (between Mason Avenue and Corbin Avenue); Corbin Avenue on the east (between Plummer Street and Nordhoff Street); and Nordhoff Street on the South (between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Corbin Avenue).

**PRESENTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**MITCHELL ENGLANDER**  
**Councilmember, 12<sup>th</sup> District**

**SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Planning Department in consultation with the Bureau of Engineering and other appropriate departments as necessary, report to Council with a detailed assessment of assets in the proposed Innov818 geographical area generally bounded by the following geographical boundaries: Topanga Canyon Boulevard on the West; Lassen Street on the North (between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Mason Avenue); Mason Avenue on the East (between Lassen Street and Plummer Street); Plummer Street east bound to Corbin Avenue (between Mason Avenue and Corbin Avenue); Corbin Avenue on the east (between Plummer Street and Nordhoff Street); and Nordhoff Street on the South (between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Corbin Avenue). This asset assessment should include but not be limited to transportation, housing and infrastructure, schools and education, fiber and internet speed capabilities, power assessments and cultural features.

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**MITCHELL ENGLANDER**  
**Councilmember, 12<sup>th</sup> District**

**AUG 18 2017**

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