2017 YEAR IN REVIEW
TOP 13 HIGHLIGHTS

- Led the Council to approve an ordinance that prohibits the practice of parkway parking in order to promote ADA access, combat blight, and prevent further sidewalk damage.

- Worked with Departments to incorporate “Open for Business” initiatives to streamline the way entrepreneurs obtain permits and cut the bureaucratic red tape associated with opening a business.

- Approved a Demolition Ordinance to increase the notification requirements when a demolition permit is requested 45 years after issuance of the original building permit.

- Adopted Indigenous Peoples Day and removed the reference to Columbus Day in Los Angeles, inspiring numerous cities and counties across the country to do the same.

- Initiated the process to create a new homeless shelter in a city facility located at 411 N. Vermont Avenue.

- Instructed the review of LAMC 63.44 in order to remove the misdemeanor section regarding vending in parks.

- Led the Council to reform city banking practices, including a mandate to incorporate federal guidelines into the ‘general banking services’ request for proposals. Also led a managed divestment process from all previous City investments made into Wells Fargo.

- Collaborated with the Transgender Advisory Council to advocate for policy initiatives and sensitivity training, taking positions on state issues (SB 396), and actively working with LGBT organizations on jobs and community outreach.

- Instructed the Bureau of Sanitation to report to the City Council on the backlog of the Clean Streets LA encampment service requests and efforts to address areas of high demand.

- Led Council to approve “Value Capture” ordinance, requiring developers that seek to build above and beyond allowable density to include affordable units in their project.

- In an effort to improve safety on our roadways, voted to approve an ordinance to reduce the speed limits on dozens of streets across the city, including several in the 13th Council District.

- As an early supporter of a careful and thoughtful living wage, and as committee chair of Entertainment and Facilities committee, O’Farrell was instrumental in the implementation of ‘Ban-the-Box’ citywide.

- Member of the ad hoc Olympic Committee, working to ensure the city is not on the hook for cost overruns, and that the Games leave the City in a better position than when they started.