

Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding

Friday, January 24, 2025

JOHN FERRARO COUNCIL CHAMBER ROOM 340, CITY HALL 200 NORTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 - 10:00 AM

(For further details see Official Council Files)

(For communications referred by the President see Referral Memorandum)

Roll Call

Members Present: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsler, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (14); Absent: Soto-Martínez (1)

Approval of the Minutes

Commendatory Resolutions, Introductions and Presentations - SEE ATTACHED

Multiple Agenda Item Comment

Public Testimony of Non-agenda Items Within Jurisdiction of Council

Items Noticed for Public Hearing - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

(1) **23-0900-S40
CD 14**

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEAR PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Onteora and Kerwin Places Street Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Proposition 218.

(Pursuant to Council adoption of Ordinance of Intention on November 8, 2023. The tabulation of ballots shall take place in Space 300 of 555 Ramirez Street on January 28, 2025 at 10 a.m. and will be publicly live-streamed. To access the live stream, join Zoom Meeting ID: 161 776 8120, Passcode: prop218. Public announcement of the tabulation of ballots and consideration of the Final Ordinance will take place at Council on February 25, 2025.)

(Continued from Council meeting of October 25, 2024)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (14); **Nays:** (0); **Absent:** Soto-Martínez (1)

Items for which Public Hearings Have Been Held

(2) **23-1443-S3**
 CD 1

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (HERNANDEZ - BLUMENFIELD) relative to transferring and appropriating \$4,124,400 from the Special Fund Account entitled "Encampment Resolution Fund Grant - Arroyo Seco" to the Los Angeles Housing Department; and executing a new contract with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to provide outreach and housing services to those experiencing homelessness for the Encampment Resolution Grant Project in Council District One; and related matters.

(Housing and Homelessness Committee report to be submitted in Council. If public hearing is not held in Committee, an opportunity for public comment will be provided.)

(Please visit www.lacouncilfile.com for background documents.)

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item as Amended by Motion 2A (Hernandez – Rodriguez) - SEE ATTACHED

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (14); **Nays:** (0); **Absent:** Soto-Martínez (1)

Items Called Special

Motions for Posting and Referral - SEE ATTACHED

Council Members' Requests for Excuse from Attendance at Council Meetings

Adjourning Motions

Council Adjournment

CONTINUED FROM COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2025

Items for which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - (10 Votes Required for Consideration)

(3) 25-0006-S31

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (PARK - HUTT) relative to issues related to the response and recovery for the local fire emergency, including but not limited to a temporary waiver of grant-specific requirements within the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC), and prohibition of all leaf blowers in burn areas.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance in 30 days that amends LAAC Section 14.6(a) to authorize departments to apply for and accept grants related to a Federal and State declarations of emergency that aid in response and recovery.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance in 30 days that amends LAAC Section 14.6(b), allowing departments to apply for and receive grants related to the Palisades, Sunset, Hurst and Kenneth wildfire emergency response and recovery. Nothing in this request shall apply to Council authority approving grants requiring a matching fund.
3. INSTRUCT the departments that utilize the aforementioned authorization to report to Council on a monthly basis regarding grants that have been applied for and received.
4. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance in 15 days amending Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 112.04 to prohibit the use of all leaf blowers in the Palisades, Sunset, Hurst and Kenneth Fire burn areas to

prevent the spread of toxins and other environmental hazards.

5. INSTRUCT that the Chief Legislative Analyst, in coordination with the City Attorney and the Emergency Management Department, to report in 30 days on other changes to the LAAC and LAAC that may be required to expedite the response and recovery process, in addition to protecting health and safety.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(Public Safety Committee waived consideration of the above matter.)

Adopted Item as Amended by Motion 3A (Park – Lee) - SEE ATTACHED

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (14); Nays: (0); Absent: Soto-Martínez (1)

MOTION ADOPTED UPON FINDINGS BY COUNCIL THAT THE NEED TO TAKE ACTION AROSE SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2(b)(2) AND COUNCIL RULE 23

(3) 25-0006-S52

MOTION (PARK - YAROSLAVSKY) relative to instructing the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst, in coordination with other departments as needed, to report in 15 days on the amount of wildfire aid that will be available to the City of Los Angeles and how these funds will be utilized to front fund its emergency response and recovery costs.

Adopted Findings Forthwith

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (14); Nays: (0); Absent: Soto-Martínez (1)

Adopted Motion (Park – Yaroslavsky) Forthwith - SEE ATTACHED
Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, HSutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (14); Nays: (0); Absent: Soto-Martínez (1)

(4) **25-0006-S55**

MOTION (PARK - LEE - PADILLA - McOSKER - PRICE - HUTT) relative to requesting the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Office of Finance, to prepare and present an urgency Ordinance to provide relief from the payment of the gross receipts tax for the 2025 tax year for businesses within the City of Los Angeles that have been destroyed by the wildfires, or that have been impacted for 60 or more consecutive days as a result of the fires.

Adopted Findings Forthwith

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (14); Nays: (0); Absent: Soto-Martínez (1)

Adopted Motion (Park – Lee – Padilla – McOsker – Price – Hutt) Forthwith - SEE ATTACHED

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (14); Nays: (0); Absent: Soto-Martínez (1)

ENDING ROLL CALL

Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (14); Absent: Soto-Martínez (1)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
McOsker-Harris-Dawson-Price-Hutt	Nazarian	Morehouse College
Park	McOkser	Francois Verin

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SPECIAL 1

MOTION

Since the posting of the January 24, 2025 Council meeting agenda on Friday, January 17, 2025, a need for immediate action has arisen to facilitate the City's ongoing response to the 2025 wildfires, including California lawmakers' approval of \$2.5 billion in wildfire aid on Thursday, January 23, 2025 and a new Mayoral executive order announcing business tax relief on Friday, January 24, 2025.

On January 23, 2025, California lawmakers approved \$2.5 billion in wildfire aid to help Los Angeles City and County as well as schools in their response and recovery from the wildfires that have devastated our region. The aid package includes funding for a number of critical tasks like debris removal, post fire hazards, air quality monitoring and the rebuilding of public facilities. The funding also sets aside \$4 million for the Department of Housing and Community Development to help expedite permitting and rebuilding in burn areas.

In a recent report, the City Administrative Officer estimated that the Palisades Fire and other fires in the City of Los Angeles have resulted in more than \$350 million in costs associated with emergency response and damage to the City's physical infrastructure. Given the City's fiscal challenges, it must understand immediately how the state's wildfire aid can frontfund these initial recovery costs before reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency takes place.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council determine, as provided in section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to **Rule 23** of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter AND that the need for immediate action came to the attention of the City subsequent to the posting of the agenda on Friday, January 17, 2025 for today's Council meeting.

I FURTHER MOVE that Council instruct the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst, in coordination with the Department of Building and Safety, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, Police Department, and other departments as needed, to report in 15 days on the amount of wildfire aid that will be available to the City of Los Angeles and how these funds will be utilized to front fund its emergency response and recovery costs.

PRESENTED BY:



TRACI PARK
Councilwoman, 11th District

SECONDED BY:



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SPECIAL 2

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Since the posting of the January 24, 2025 Council meeting agenda on Friday, January 17, 2025, a need for immediate action has arisen to facilitate the City's ongoing response to the 2025 wildfires, including California lawmakers' approval of \$2.5 billion in wildfire aid on Thursday, January 23, 2025 and a new Mayoral executive order announcing business tax relief on Friday, January 24, 2025.

In addition to destroying thousands of homes, the Palisades fire has destroyed or significantly interrupted many businesses in the Pacific Palisades - restaurants, cafes, home businesses, gardeners, housekeepers and more. Having lost nearly everything, along with important records, equipment and accounts, these businesses will likely face difficulty or be unable to pay their business taxes in 2025. To alleviate this profound economic hardship, the City should take immediate action to relieve impacted businesses of this responsibility, similar to Council's adoption of Ordinance 169977 following the Northridge Earthquake in 1994.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council determine, as provided in section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to **Rule 23** of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter AND that the need for immediate action came to the attention of the City subsequent to the posting of the agenda on Friday, January 17, 2025 for today's Council meeting by the City Council.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Office of Finance, to prepare and present an urgency ordinance to provide relief from the payment of the gross receipts tax for the 2025 tax year for businesses within the city of Los Angeles that have been destroyed by the wildfires, or that have been impacted for 60 or more consecutive days as a result of the fires, with eligibility to be determined by the Office of Finance on a case-by-case basis.

PRESENTED BY:



TRACI PARK

Councilwoman, 11th District

SECONDED BY:







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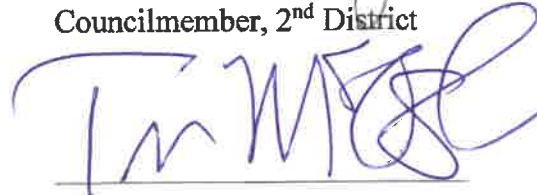
I MOVE that the Council accept the payment of \$815,317 by the developer of the District NoHo Sign District (Ordinance No. 188,196, C.F. 23-1264-S1) and to instruct the City Clerk to deposit this amount into a new Account in the Council District 2 Real Property Trust Fund No. 684-14, entitled "District NoHo Sign District Mitigation;" said funds to be used generally for "improving the visual environment, use of public open spaces, and benefitting the public realm in Council District 2."

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be authorized to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections / clarifications / changes may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

PRESENTED BY:


ADRIN NAZARIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY:



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I MOVE that \$300,000 from the MICLA Lease Revenue Commercial Paper Notes Fund No. 298/50, Account No. 50WSWC (Slauson and Wall Concrete Removal) be transferred / appropriated to the General Services Fund No. 100/40 for site security and Stormwater Water Pollution Prevention Plan management activities as follows:

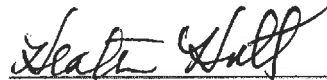
Account No. 001014, Salaries Construction	\$ 50,000
Account No. 003180, Constructions Materials	<u>\$250,000</u>
Total	\$300,000

I FURTHER MOVE that the General Services Department be authorized to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections / clarifications / changes may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

PRESENTED BY: _____


CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY: _____



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MOTION

I MOVE that the Council Action of January 21, 2025 (CF: 25-0040) relative to donation of surplus N95 masks, **BE AMENDED** to correctly reflect the donee organization and contact information as follows:

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council:

1. Find that NoHo Home Alliance and ~~Office of Assemblymember Mark Gonzalez Chinatown Service Center~~ are eligible to purchase 7,632 boxes of N95 masks below market value (\$1.00) in accordance with LAAC Sec. 22.547 (Donation of Surplus City Equipment), as the cost to discard, recycle, or transport the surplus equipment would otherwise impose a net financial cost to the City;
2. Request the City Attorney to expedite the preparation of appropriate documents to effectuate the sale and transfer; and
3. Instruct the City Clerk to inform NoHo Home Alliance [Hannah Grigereit, phone: (314)-705-7600, 13103 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, CA 91604] and ~~Office of Assemblymember Mark Gonzalez [Sebastian Loranzo, phone: (213) 620-4646, 320 4th St. #1050 Los Angeles, CA 90013]~~ Chinatown Service Center [Daisy Ma, phone: 213-808-1703, 711 W. College St. #388, Los Angeles, CA 90012] that the surplus equipment must be claimed within 90 days from the date of Council approval of the request or notification of the availability of the equipment, whichever occurs later, at which time the equipment will revert to the City's surplus equipment pool for disposal by the Department of General Services.

PRESENTED BY:


TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:



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MOTION

The City of Los Angeles Council District 15 is coordinating a street banner campaign to honor Black History Month.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council, in accordance with Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 62.132, approve the Street Banner program being coordinated by Council District 15 as a City of Los Angeles Non-Event Street Banner Program for the period of February 2025 – March 2025.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council approve the content of the attached street banner designs.

PRESENTED BY:


TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

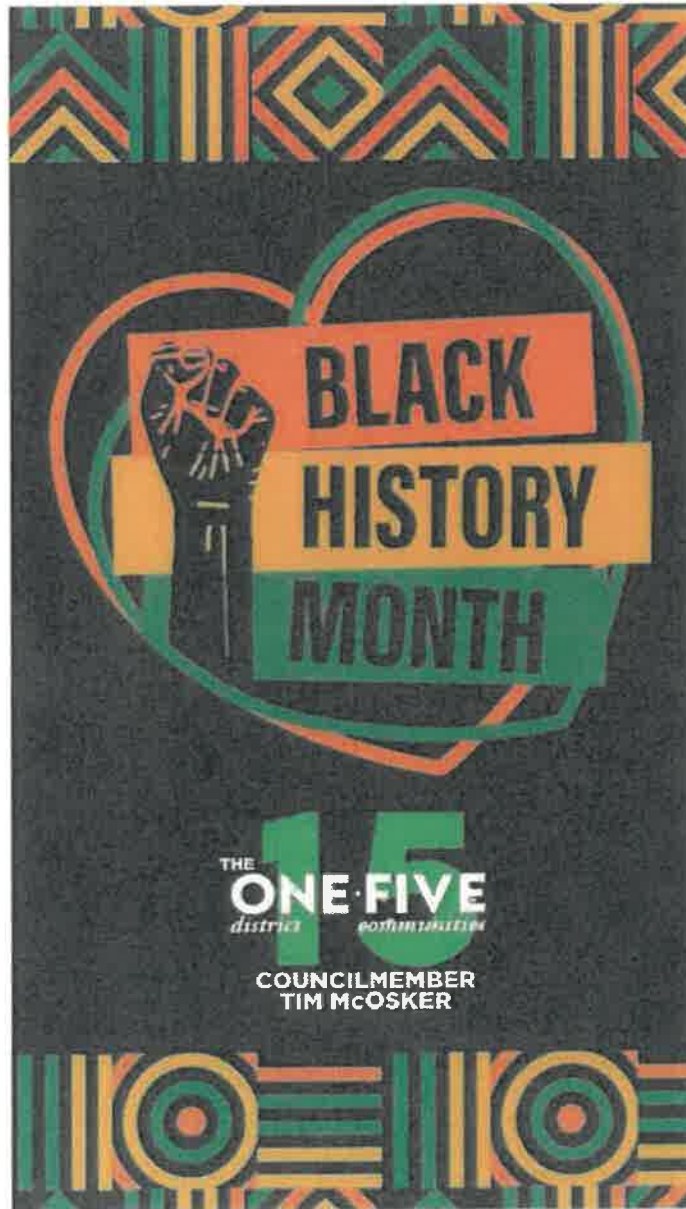
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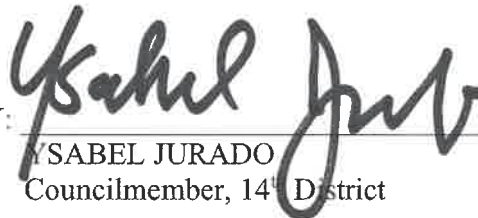
MOTION

On November 28, 2023, City Council approved the transfer of \$40,000 to El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument (El Pueblo) for the installation of awnings along puestos and buildings at El Pueblo. Initially, El Pueblo was quoted \$40,000 for the replacement of the awnings. However, the total cost for the replacement of awnings turned out to be \$113,385. Funding to cover the \$73,385 shortfall is available in El Pueblo's Cultural Improvement Trust Fund.

I THEREFORE MOVE that \$73,385 be appropriated/transferred from El Pueblo Cultural Improvement Trust Fund No. 44T-33, Available Cash Balance to El Pueblo Fund No. 100-33, Account No. 003040 (Contractual Services) for the installation of awnings along puestos and buildings at El Pueblo.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council authorize the City Administrative Officer to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

PRESENTED BY:


YSABEL JURADO
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:



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#56

I MOVE that the **Council action of 12/04/24** relative to Environmental Impact Report (EIR), State Clearinghouse No. 2017021024, Addendum and related California Environmental Quality Act Findings; Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee Report and Resolution relative to implementing the Downtown Community Plan and New Zoning Code ordinances, (Council File No. 22-0617), **BE AMENDED** to **APPROVE** the following *revised* language for Recommendation #13, in lieu of any prior language, to effectuate technical changes, as follows:

13. ADOPT and concur with the City Planning Commission's September 23, 2021 action to approve the draft ORDINANCE, amending the Zoning Map, transmitted to the City Council File by the City Planning Department on January 21, 2025, and inclusive of an Urgency Clause and related findings.

PRESENTED BY:


YSABEL JURADO
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:



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Sun Valley Paper Stock, Inc. has paid the City in the amount of \$12,000, to be used for community benefits in Council District Six pursuant to an agreement with the City for the processing and marketing of residential single-stream commingled recyclable materials for the East Valley Watershed.

Action is needed to accept these funds and cause them to be deposited in the Council District Six Public Benefits Trust Fund.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council accept the payment of \$12,000 made by Sun Valley Paper Stock, Inc., pursuant to an agreement with the City for the processing and marketing of residential single-stream commingled recyclable materials for the East Valley Watershed, and instruct the City Clerk to deposit this amount into the Council District 6 Public Benefits Trust Fund 50C-14.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be authorized to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

PRESENTED BY:

Imelda Padilla

IMELDA PADILLA

Councilmember, 6th District

SECONDED BY:

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MOTION

The Century City Chamber of Commerce is coordinating a street banner campaign. The purpose of the street banners to invite folks to work, play, shop, and dine.

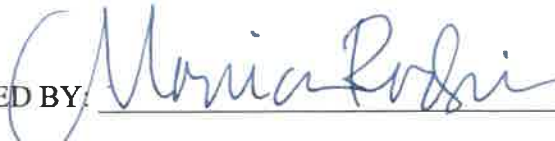
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council, in accordance with Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 62.132, approve the Non-Event Street Banner program being coordinated by the Century City Chamber, as a City of Los Angeles Non-Event Street Banner Program for the period of March 2025 to March 2026.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council approve the content of the attached street banner design.

PRESENTED BY:


KATY YAROSLAVSKY
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY:

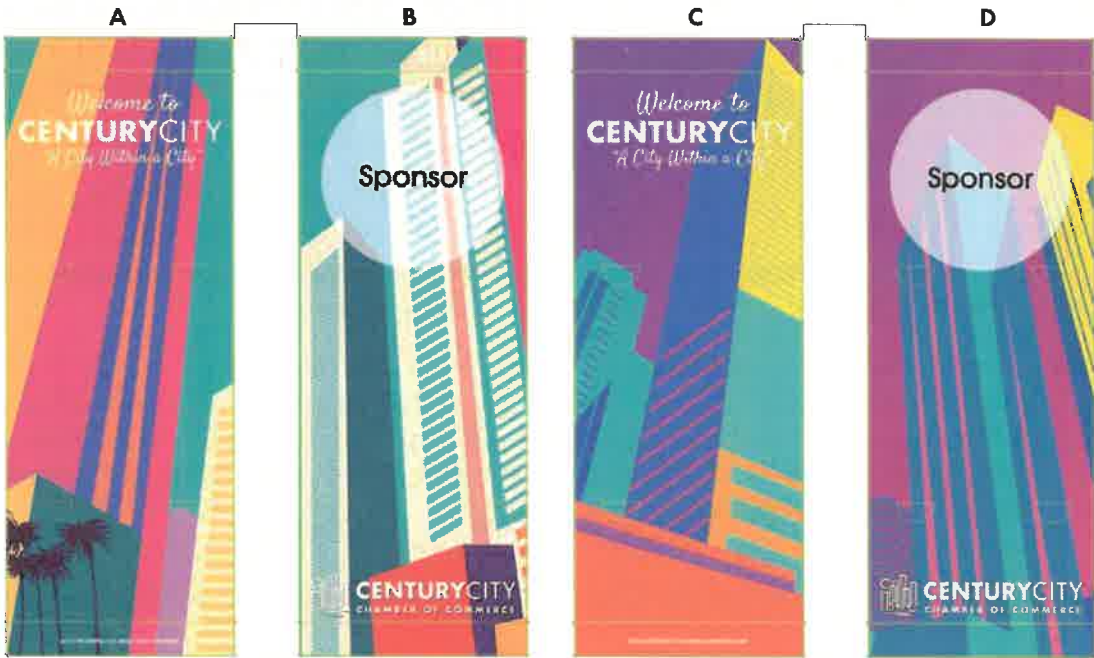


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CENTURY CITY BANNER DESIGNS FOR 2025



SET #1

SET #2



Client: Century City	Today's Date: 12/9/2024
Project: Banner Designs	Page: 1/2

File Notes:
Color: CMYK
Finish Size: 35"x 96"
4.5" Pole Pockets
Originals: Illustrator

CENTURY CITY BANNER DESIGNS FOR 2025



SET #3

SET #4



Client: Century City	Today's Date: 12/9/2024
Project: Banner Designs	Page: 2/2

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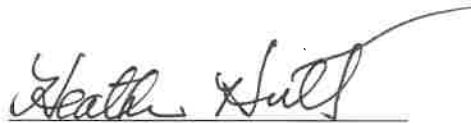
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MOTION

I **MOVE** that the Council Action of January 7, 2025 relative to authorizing the City Clerk to provide the necessary assistance for the renewal of the West Adams Business Improvement District (C.F. 24-1572), **BE AMENDED** to authorize the City Clerk to accept \$19,600 from the West Adams Boulevard BID and update the total contract amount of \$44,500 with Edward Henning & Associates and Duckworth Consulting for expenses related to the renewal of the West Adams Business Improvement District.

I **FURTHER MOVE** that the City Clerk be authorized to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections / clarifications / changes may be made orally, electronically, or by any other means.

PRESENTED BY:



HEATHER HUTT
Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY:



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MOTION



In the midst of the ongoing wildfires and windstorms, Los Angeles has lived with smoke, ash and soot for consecutive days now. Experts regularly report that even if there is no physical fire damage, the poor air quality impacts all of us - indoor and out. Fumes, ash and particles are still being produced by the yet to be extinguished Palisades and Eaton fires, as well as, the latest Hughes Fire.

As our brave firefighters continue to battle the multiple blazes, multijurisdictional coordination is taking place to begin the clean up and recovery. Agencies at all levels must be mindful to reduce the exposure to the harmful substances that have been spewed into the air and are partially settling across the region. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has already declared a local health emergency for the entire county and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is monitoring the current fires and their impacts on air quality, in addition to issuing air quality warning advisories for the most impacted areas.

The City of Los Angeles should help disseminate the most recent guidance and advice from air quality experts to ensure we are protecting our residents from the poor air quality. We should get ahead of this bad situation with information for how people can protect themselves and loved ones. This is especially important as people are racing to begin the clean up of their properties, and they need to be aware of the condition of the debris and not disturb it to the point of exposing themselves and others to harmful particulates.

The City Council should extend an invitation to experts on air quality at Public Health and the SCAQMD to present the latest information on the quality of the air during the fires and in the near future, as well as the most recent guidance on how individuals should protect themselves and their families during the clean up process.

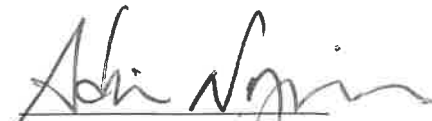
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles City Council request the leadership of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the South Coast Air Quality Management District to present before council the recent and most relevant data on air quality conditions and guidance for the public to protect itself from the harmful particulate matter that has been released into the environment from these destructive fires.

PRESENTED BY:



TRACI PARK

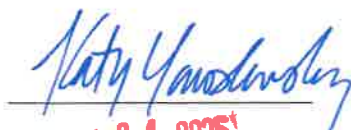
Councilwoman, 11th District



ADRIN NAZARIAN

Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY:



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MOTION

On January 7, 2025, the Mayor declared a state of local emergency in wake of the windstorm and wildfire events that impacted the Los Angeles metropolitan area, particularly the Pacific Palisades neighborhood. These wildfires are the most serious natural disaster to impact the City since the 1994 Northridge Earthquake. This event has destroyed numerous homes, businesses and critical infrastructure, and resulted in a number of deaths. These unprecedented fires are still ongoing — as is the City's emergency response.

While the City continues to provide robust and timely emergency response, it has also begun preparations for critical long-term recovery efforts. The scale of the disaster, however, will result in extraordinary costs. Given the national significance of these wildfires, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that it will reimburse the City for "100 percent of the cost of debris removal and lifesaving and life sustaining activities — including fire suppression efforts — for 180 days."

The federal and State aid, however, requires front-funding by the City. The City Administrative Officer (CAO) has identified the available balance in the Building and Safety Building Permit Enterprise Fund as a potential source to provide a \$50 million loan for the City's emergency response. It is anticipated the loan will be repaid as soon as State and federal reimbursements are received or by the General Fund whenever fiscally feasible.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer a \$50 million appropriation from Fund 48R, Building and Safety Permit Enterprise Fund, Department 08, Account 08S204, Reserve for Future Cost, to a new line item, Fund 100, Department 56, Account TBD, 2025 Wildfire Emergency Response and Recovery, with the understanding that these funds are a temporary loan to be repaid from future State and federal reimbursements, for the 2025 wildfire emergency response and recovery.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer to authorize expenditures from the 2025 Wildfire Emergency Response and Recovery Account for FEMA-reimbursable response and recovery activities, with reports to the Mayor, Council President, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee and Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee for L.A. Recovery, for the duration of the declared local emergency.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer to make technical changes and/or prepare any Controller instructions to order and

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effectuate the intent of this Motion and authorize the Controller to implement those instructions.

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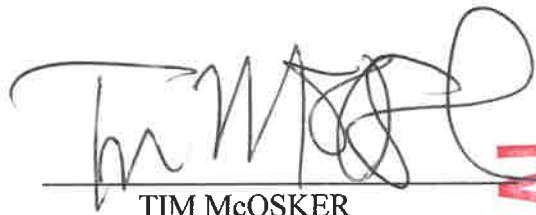
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On January 18, 2025, the Controller released a communication highlighting issues related to the Los Angeles Fire Department payroll system that has caused numerous pay discrepancies. The Controller included several recommendations to address and resolve the situation.

~~I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council determine, as provided in Section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to Rule 23 of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter AND that the need for action came to the attention of the City Council subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's Council meeting.~~

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council request the Mayor and City Controller and instruct the City Administrative Officer, Information Technology Agency, Personnel Department, and Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) establish a targeted task force to identify and expeditiously address LAFD sworn payroll issues are experiencing, specifically focused on identifying the necessary resources and technological fixes that may be necessary.

PRESENTED BY:


TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:



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PERSONNEL AND HIRING

MOTION

As the emergency response to the Palisades Fire winds down, the City is shifting its focus to recovery and reconstruction, and promising a robust, expedited process that must be delivered upon for those who have lost their homes.

The scope of our short-term recovery and long-term reconstruction efforts will be a substantial undertaking, likely surpassing the City's current staffing levels and available resources. Several motions have been introduced over the past week, including CF 25-0006-S6, which instructs City departments to report on their staffing needs to support recovery efforts. Additionally, the motion instructs the City Administrative Officer to sunset the Prioritized Critical Hiring Process for positions essential to the wildfire recovery and rebuilding initiatives.

In addition to reviewing position vacancies and assessing the need for possible new positions, the City should look to creative approaches, such as rehiring retired employees. This strategy was successfully implemented in 1994 following the Northridge Earthquake when the City employed retired employees for 90 days to help the recovery efforts. City employees possess valuable institutional knowledge and experience from past disasters, representing the best of public service. Given the challenges ahead, the City should explore all available options to accelerate recovery and reconstruction efforts.

By including these practices, the City could create a more adaptable, nimble, and diverse workforce for the recovery and reconstruction phases, leveraging both local and external resources to address the scale of this disaster. This would not only expedite recovery efforts but also build resilience for future challenges.

I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer to report in 15 days on the feasibility and steps necessary to authorize the temporary reemployment of retired employees to aid in the City's wildfire recovery and rebuilding efforts, using lessons learned from the Northridge Earthquake.

I FURTHER MOVE that City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer to report in 15 days on possible funding sources for these positions, including, but not limited to, the use of Salaries As-Needed accounts.

I FURTHER MOVE that City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer and the Personnel Department to report in 15 days on the use of Targeted Local Hire and Bridge to Jobs hiring programs as a source of streamlining hiring for these positions.

PRESENTED BY:

TRACI PARK

Councilwoman, 11th District

TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District

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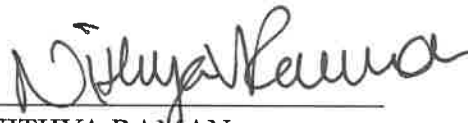
PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION

According to reports from constituents, on the evening of Friday, January 10th, some areas of Encino were evacuated while not being under a mandatory evacuation order. The City of Los Angeles needs to understand what exactly occurred, if any communication breakdown occurred and why, and what steps the City may need to take, or take with other governmental partners, in order to respond to the impacts of this breakdown and to prevent such issues from recurring in the future.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Emergency Management Department, the Los Angeles Fire Department, and the Los Angeles Police Department, with the assistance of any other relevant agencies, to report back, within 30 days, with a report describing the evacuation orders in Encino related to the Palisades Fire, what steps the City needs to take to address the needs of impacted residents, and how the City can ensure that such issues do not reoccur.

PRESENTED BY:


NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



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MOTION

In advance and in response to the devastating January 2025 windstorm and wildfires, multiple City agencies took action to mitigate potential impacts of the disasters and respond to the crises that struck the City. The Department of Recreation and Parks closed parks in Fire Hazard Severity Zones. The Department of Transportation and Bureau of Street Services worked to prepare streets and traffic management in the event of further evacuations. The Police Department also deployed additional resources as reports of looting in areas impacted by the fires occurred.

While much of the City's response to the wildfires and windstorm will be eligible for reimbursement from the federal and State governments, not all services may be. City agencies that sprang into action to protect the City from further devastation provided emergency services that were not included in their departmental budgets. Without potential reimbursement, these departments and bureaus may be required to absorb the costs of these actions.

The City should assess what unbudgeted services were provided in response to the wildfires and windstorm that may be ineligible for reimbursement and identify potential funding sources to cover any costs that were incurred.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Police Department, Department of Transportation, Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Public Works Bureaus, and any other necessary departments be instructed and the Department of Water and Power be requested, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, to report on any unbudgeted City services provided or expenditures incurred in response to the January 2025 windstorm and wildfires that may not be reimbursable by the federal or State governments.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of any necessary City Departments, be instructed to report on potential funding sources for any unbudgeted City services provided or expenditures incurred in response to the January 2025 windstorm and wildfires that may not be reimbursable by the federal or State governments.

PRESENTED BY:

NITHYA RAMAN

Councilmember, 4th District

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AD HOC LA Recovery**MOTION**

Following the devastation and loss of the Palisades Fire, many longtime residents, including the elderly and those of limited resources, are faced with the daunting task and uncertainty of rebuilding their homes. The City should do everything within its power to alleviate the financial burden for these residents in order to facilitate their return and stabilize the Pacific Palisades community.

In a report dated April 4, 2018 relative to the expediting of building permits and granting of fee waivers associated with the reconstruction of homes and other buildings damaged in the La Tuna Canyon and Creek Wildfires in 2017, the City Administrative Officer (CAO) reported (Council File No. 18-0036) that the City Attorney advised that certain fees collected by the Department of Building and Safety should not be waived in order to minimize legal risks to the City and prevent other users from subsidizing these waived fees. Fee waivers, however, following *federally declared natural disasters*, are not unprecedented.

Following the Northridge Earthquake in 1994, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 169813, which waived all plan check and permit fees for property owners who wished to repair earthquake damage or to demolish and/or rebuild a destroyed structure. In addition, Art Fees Fees were also waived with Council's adoption of Ordinance No. 169350 on February 8, 1994, for repairs and new construction that was substantially similar to the destroyed building. According to the City's report produced in the aftermath of the earthquake: *In the Wake of the Quake: A Prepared City Responds (1995)*, - many of these fee waivers were reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES).

While California voters' approval of Proposition 218 (*Right to Vote on Taxes Act*) in 1996 may have impacted this framework, the City should leave no stone unturned in its efforts to assist its residents who may be underinsured or lack the resources to finance a rebuild. To stabilize the Pacific Palisades community, the City should further explore the waiver of building fees for reimbursement by FEMA and Cal OES, as was negotiated by the City following the Northridge Earthquake.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Department of Building and Safety, the Planning Department, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Cultural Affairs, and in consultation with the City Attorney, and other departments as needed, to assess the feasibility of waiving plancheck, permit fees and arts fees for repairs and rebuilds of structures that were destroyed in the Palisades Fire, as occurred in 1994 after the Northridge Earthquake. If infeasible, the report should explore alternative solutions, including payment deferrals.

PRESENTED BY:

TRACI PARK

Councilwoman, 11th District

SECONDED BY:

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AD HOC LA Recovery

MOTION

The recent Palisades and Eaton fires have destroyed thousands of structures and displaced thousands more residents who are seeking shelter across Los Angeles. Many of these people are staying with friends and family in neighborhoods with preferential parking districts (PPDs).

Section 80.58(k) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code authorizes the Department of Transportation to administer, implement, and enforce the PPD permit program. The current program restrictions should be modified to accommodate individuals who have been displaced by the Palisades and Eaton fires and who are residing in households that are located in areas with preferential parking districts.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Transportation (LADOT) to take the necessary steps to issue up to two additional annual and up to two additional visitor parking permits (for a maximum total of four additional permits), to residents in preferential parking districts who are currently sheltering people displaced by the Palisades or Eaton fires; residents must provide proof of residency in an area that was subject to a mandatory evacuation order that began January 7, 2025 or thereafter; and the permits will be effective until January 7, 2026.

PRESENTED BY:

Traci Park

TRACI PARK

Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:

Keith Hall

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AD HOC LA Recovery**MOTION**

In the wake of the January 2025 windstorms, the Palisades and Eaton Fires, and other emerging fire emergencies, the Los Angeles region finds itself reeling from the constant threat and remnants of disaster. Too many Angelenos have seen homes destroyed, trees and vegetation scorched, storm drains filled to their brim, and existing infrastructure decimated. Our City must act swiftly in an extensive debris removal process that allows families and businesses to safely return and anticipates future rain and other hazards. Failing to clear the rubble could lead to further issues such as mudslides and water contamination. Through Emergency Executive Order 1, and subsequent legislation passed by this Council, the City of Los Angeles is stepping up through determined efforts to return and rebuild.

Given the scope of the disastrous fires, the federal government announced that it would reimburse the City for all eligible costs under the Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance Program, including 100 percent reimbursement for debris removal in the public right of way within the first 180 days. At the State level, Governor Newsom has signed a \$2.5 billion bipartisan relief package to expedite Los Angeles' recovery and rebuilding, prioritizing fire-affected communities, debris removal, and investing in mitigation measures to prevent future disasters. The LA County Board of Supervisors has established a comprehensive recovery framework to coordinate local efforts, address community needs, and ensure transparency in the recovery process. These coordinated actions reiterate the critical importance of multijurisdictional coordination to address this crisis and ensure an equitable recovery for all impacted communities.

The devastating impact of recent fires has underscored the critical need for equitable recovery efforts that safeguard public health and prioritize environmental justice. While the ongoing cleanup is essential for fire-ravaged communities to recover and heal, much of the fire debris contains hazardous materials, such as lead, asbestos, mercury, and other toxins, posing significant risks to both health and the environment. It is imperative that debris removal processes not only advance recovery but also protect the health and safety of all Angelenos, particularly those in communities with deep legacies of environmental injustice.

The East San Fernando Valley, long home to numerous landfills and waste facilities, has historically borne the brunt of environmental challenges, including odor, noise, and harmful emissions from disposal operations and the frequent movement of garbage trucks. These cumulative impacts disproportionately harm vulnerable communities and highlight the importance of ensuring that debris hauling and disposal efforts do not exacerbate existing inequities.

As we work together to recover from these fires, the City must reaffirm its commitment to equity by ensuring that no single area, especially historically overburdened areas like the East San Fernando Valley, bears a disproportionate burden of debris removal and storage operations. At the same time, the City must collaborate as one with our Federal, State, and County partners to ensure that recovery efforts move with urgency and reflect our shared values of fairness, health, and environmental stewardship.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Los Angeles Department of Sanitation and Environment (LASAN), with the assistance of the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) of the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), to report back within 15 days on the following:

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- **Debris Transport and Destinations**
 - Identify all landfills and trash facilities where fire-related debris is being transported in the City;
 - Provide detailed maps of these facilities and their proximity to vulnerable communities, particularly in the East San Fernando Valley.
- **Distribution Methodology**
 - Describe the methodology being used to determine how debris is dispersed among landfills and facilities to ensure equitable distribution across the region.
- **Contractor Oversight**
 - List the vendors and contractors being considered for debris hauling and storage that are based in the city, use existing public or private facilities in the City, or operate haul routes in the City
 - Evaluate the geographic locations of these vendors to ensure no over-concentration of operations in the East Valley or other historically burdened areas.
- **Haul Routes**
 - Provide a detailed analysis of the haul routes being used to transport debris out of fire-affected areas.
 - Include measures to mitigate noise, air pollution, and safety risks in communities along these routes.
- **Hazardous Waste Management**
 - Outline how hazardous waste is being identified, packaged, transported, and disposed of safely, ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations.
 - Note which permits and other regulations will be removed or expedited as part of the recovery.
 - Specify what safeguards are in place to protect communities from potential exposure to hazardous materials.
- **Debris Composition and Management**
 - Provide a breakdown of the types of debris being removed, including hazardous waste, non-hazardous waste, green waste, and recyclable materials.
 - Clarify whether any categories of debris are being managed or transported by entities outside of the City and under what conditions.
- **City-Owned Facilities in Fire Recovery**
 - Identify any City-owned facilities that are being used as part of fire recovery efforts, including for debris processing, storage, or any other recovery-related operations.
 - Provide a status update on the capacity, operations, and environmental monitoring at these facilities to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal standards.
- **Intergovernmental Collaboration**
 - Detail LASAN and LADBS LEA efforts to coordinate with County, State, and Federal officials in the region's fire recovery efforts, including any collaborative agreements or partnerships.
 - Include information on any funding or resources being secured through these partnerships to aid in debris management and environmental restoration.
- **Timeline for Debris Removal**

- Offer a clear timeline for the anticipated completion of debris removal efforts, specifying benchmarks for various phases of the process.


I FURTHER MOVE that LASAN and LADBS LEA advocate for an equitable distribution of debris management impacts in their coordination with our multijurisdictional partners working on the fire recovery, ensuring that historically overburdened areas like those in the East Valley, do not disproportionately shoulder the burden of debris hauling, storage, or processing. This includes identifying additional processing sites in less impacted areas, and strategies that balance our urgent work to recover and rebuild with our ongoing commitment to equity and environmental justice.

PRESENTED BY: _____



IMELDA PADILLA
Councilmember, 6th District

SECONDED BY: _____




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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Los Angeles City Hall is one of the most iconic buildings in the City's skyline and for decades was the tallest building in the City when it opened in 1928; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles City Hall is the seat of local government and has been the focal point of the City's accomplishments and celebrations as well as protests and controversies; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles City Hall has become a destination for tourists and a popular spot for filming, which made City Hall one of the most recognized buildings in the country, if not the world.

WHEREAS, in November 2023, then Councilmember Krekorian introduced a motion (Council File 23-1230) instructing the Department of City Planning, Project Restore, Cultural Heritage Commission and the City Administrative Officer to prepare and submit necessary application for Los Angeles City Hall to be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC) operated under the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) and is a 9-member board, appointed by the Governor, with responsibilities for the identification, registration, and preservation of California's historical resources; and

WHEREAS, the SHRC meets four times each year and on February 7, 2025, the SHRC agenda will include Los Angeles City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should support this nomination to ensure that Los Angeles City Hall exists for years to come and remain a protected building; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Los Angeles hereby supports the nomination of Los Angeles City Hall to the National Register of Historic Places.

PRESENTED BY: _____

ADRIN NAZARIAN

Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY: _____

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