Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding Friday, April 4, 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: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (10); Absent: Blumenfield, Jurado, Nazarian, Raman, Yaroslavsky (5)

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 for which Public Hearings Have Been Held

(1) **21-1240-S3**

ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a pilot program for the distribution of naloxone in South Los Angeles and it be funded through the Opioid Settlement funding.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Price – Hutt):

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to report to Council on a pilot program for the distribution of naloxone in South Los Angeles and it be funded through the Opioid Settlement funding.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

Ayes: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (10); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Jurado, Nazarian,

Raman, Yaroslavsky (5)

(2) **24-1533**

ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a work plan to remove all invasive plant species within the Sepulveda Basin, and related matters.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Padilla – Rodriguez):

INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Bureau of Engineering to:

- a. Report to the Council within 60 days on a work plan to remove all invasive plant species within the Sepulveda Basin. The work plan goals should articulate what can be done in a one, three, five, eight and ten-year timeline.
- Develop a long-term plan to continue to prioritize the removal of invasive plants and maintain their removal by the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- c. Develop a plan to promote native plant species and have them quadruple in quantity within the Sepulveda Basin.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

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

Ayes: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (10); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Jurado, Padilla, Raman, Yaroslavsky (5)

(3) **23-0332**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Standards of Cover Analysis.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (McOsker – Rodriguez):

- INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to report to Council with an update on the City's compliance with the Standards of Cover analysis, and meeting the guidance and specifications under the IAFF Standards of Cover.
- 2. INSTRUCT the LAFD and the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report to Council on available county, state, or federal funding that may be available for the restoration of fire stations or services.
- 3. NOTE and FILE the Board of Fire Commissioners report dated December 16, 2024, attached to the Council file.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:

Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Wilmington Neighborhood Council

Adopted Item

Ayes: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (10); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Jurado, Nazarian, Raman, Yaroslavsky (5)

Items Called Special

Motions for Posting and Referral - SEE ATTACHED

Council Members' Request for Excuse from Attendance at Council Meetings

Adjourning Motions - SEE ATTACHED

Council Adjournment

ENDING ROLL CALL

Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (10); Absent: Blumenfield, Jurado, Padilla, Raman, Yaroslavsky (5)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Petty F. Santos, INTERIM CITY CLERK

Ву

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
Park	Lee	Eric Villanueva
Rodriguez	Padilla	Maggie Cervantes
Price	Soto-Martinez	David Crippens
Price	Soto-Martinez	Charlie Woo

ADJOURNING MOTIONS

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
Rodriguez/All Council	All Councilmembers	Father Richard Estrada
Hutt	All Councilmembers	Art Evans

MOTION NEXT

I MOVE that the Council RESOLVE that a total of \$150,000.00 in the Sunshine Canyon Community Amenities Trust Fund No. 699-14 be allocated / appropriated for any aspect of the efforts, operations and expenses of the following organizations and schools.

- \$25,000 for Robert Frost Middle School
- \$25,000 for VFW Post 2323 Granada Hills
- \$25,000 for Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School
- \$25,000 for Granada Hills Charter High School
- \$25,000 for Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire (SOLID)
- \$25,000 for Balboa Elementary School

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to prepare and process the necessary document(s) with, and/or payment(s) to, the aforementioned organizations and schools or any other agency or organization, as appropriate, in the above amounts, from the above source, and for the above purposes, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, if needed; and that, if needed, the Councilmember of the Twelfth District be authorized to execute any such documents on behalf of the City.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be authorized to make any technical corrections or clarification to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

PRESENTED BY

JOHN S. LEE

Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY

CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, §41.18 of the Municipal Code provides that the Council by Resolution may designate specified areas for enforcement against sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property, or otherwise obstructing the public right-of-way, in order for a person to be found in violation of any of these prohibited behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the below listed locations are experiencing a need for enforcement against the above listed prohibitions; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby finds that the public health, safety, or welfare is served by the prohibition, and further finds that sleeping or lodging within the stated proximity to the designated area(s) is unhealthy, unsafe, or incompatible with safe passage; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Council District 12 has submitted / posted to the File relevant documentation, as further detailed in the Code, that the circumstances at these locations pose a particular and ongoing threat to public health or safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to §41.18 (c) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code that the Council hereby designates the following locations for enforcement against sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property, or otherwise obstructing the public right-of-way, up to the maximum distance and effective for the maximum period of time prescribed, and as further detailed in the Code;

1. Deering Avenue and Superior Street - Public Safety

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Department(s) with jurisdiction over the identified locations are hereby directed and authorized to post appropriate notices of the above prohibitions at these locations, and to begin enforcement upon the expiration of any required posting period.

PRESENTED BY:

Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY:

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SUPERIOR STREET / DEERING AVENUE (RD1762) BASIC CAR 17A81

CRIMES IMPACTING THIS AREA:

- Burglary
- Grand Theft Auto
- Vandalism
- Thefts

SPECIFIC PROBLEM LOCATIONS:

- 10040 Old Depot Plaza Road- Chatsworth Train / Bus Station. RD 1751:

 The MTA- Chatsworth Train Station is the last and final stop for all MTA Trains and the Orange line bus route. MTA requires all passengers to exit the trains and buses at the Chatsworth Station. This results in a high concentration of people experiencing homelessness which are relocated to the Chatsworth community. Individuals experiencing homelessness are known to loiter on the grounds or around this MTA property. The Chatsworth Bus and Train Station is a crime attractor, which diminishes the quality of life for the surrounding community.
- LA County-Public Works. Browns Canyon Wash:
 People experiencing homeless are often trespass on this private property.

COMMUNITY CHALLENGES:

- Vacant residential and commercial properties, attracting squatters/ homeless.
- Homeless issues and concerns are attracted to the area surrounding the LAMETRO- Chatsworth Bus / Train Station.
- Parked RV's and other vehicles being used as dwellings, gravitate to this area.
- Stolen vehicles and other auto related crimes continue to impact this community.
- Commercial Burglaries and people trespassing on private property are a real concern for the business community.

SPECIFIC COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

This area consists of residential and commercial properties. People experiencing homelessness have chosen to take over the area surrounding Superior Street and Deering Avenue. Los Angeles Police Department has made a total of 26 arrests (from 01-01-25 to 03-25-25). LA Sanitation routinely deploys comprehensive cleaning operations to ensure this area is maintained and cleaned on a regular basis. All local businesses near this intersection have expressed concerns with the noticeable crime increase and believe that this spike in crime is directly linked to people experiencing homelessness. Several police investigations have directly connected local individuals who are experiencing homelessness, to confirmed crimes, which have impacted this local community.

Prepared by: LAPD- Devonshire Area Senior Lead Office

SUPERIOR STREET & DEERING AVENUE (01-01-25 TO 03-25-25)

ARRESTS	
Narcotic Possession	12
Trespass	9
Grand Theft Auto	1
Assault W/ Deadly Weapon	1
Violation of Stay Away Order	1
Warrant	1
DUI	1
TOTAL:	26

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SUPERIOR STREET & DEERING AVENUE (01-01-24 TO 12-31-24)

ARRESTS	
41.18	9
Narcotic Possession	5
Grand Theft Auto	2
Prostitution	1
TOTAL:	17

CRIME REPORTS	
Arrest Narcotic Reports	5
Vandalism	2
Burglary	1
Grand Theft Auto	1
Assault W/ Deadly Weapon	1
TOTAL	10
Burglary Grand Theft Auto Assault W/ Deadly Weapon	1 1 1

CALLS FOR SERVICE	
41.18 Investigations	19
Burglary Alarms	9
Disturbances	5
Vandalism Suspect	3
Burglary Investigations	2
Prowler Trespass Suspect	2
Battery	1
TOTAL	41

I MOVE, subject to the approval of the Mayor, that \$1,462 be transferred/appropriated from the General City Purpose Fund No. 100-5, Account No. 0705 (CD 5 Community Services) to the General Services Fund account No. 1100 (Hiring Hall), for service in connection with Council District 5 special recognition of the UCLA women's basketball team reaching its first-ever Final Four in the NCAA Tournament including the illumination of City Hall.

PRESENTED BY:

KATY YAROS AVSKY

Councilwoman, 5th District

SECONDED BY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the State of California operates 35 conservation camps through the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), in cooperation with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Los Angeles County Fire Department, where incarcerated individuals are trained to perform vital fire prevention, fire control, and emergency response work; and

WHEREAS, incarcerated firefighters have played an essential role in responding to emergencies, including the massive fires in January 2025 in Los Angeles County, working tirelessly to protect lives and property; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 812, introduced by Assemblymember Josh Lowenthal, seeks to authorize incarcerated firefighters to request recall and resentencing under specified provisions; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of such a request, AB 812 would require the court to conduct a hearing to determine whether recall and resentencing would serve the interests of justice, considering factors including the individual's emergency service during natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, providing a pathway for sentence reconsideration acknowledges the significant risks and sacrifices made by incarcerated firefighters and promotes rehabilitation and reintegration into society; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-2026 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 812 (Lowenthal), which would authorize incarcerated firefighters to request recall and resentencing, recognizing their invaluable contributions to public safety and supporting their rehabilitation.

PRESENTED BY

EUNISSES HERNANDEZ

Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY:

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MOTION

In the Host City Contract for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games (LA28), the LA28 Organizing Committee is required, through an established Sustainability Working Group, to prepare and submit an LA28 "Impact and Sustainability Plan" by no later than March 31, 2025.

As of April 4, 2025, LA28 has not submitted, or made publicly available, the required Plan.

The City of Los Angeles requires such a Plan in order to make the Games consistent with the City's goals for zero carbon transportation, grid, buildings, waste, and water. The City has committed to delivering a sustainable Olympics that is aligned with both the International Olympic Committee's ("IOC") goals and local environmental mandates. The assessment is a critical tool for guiding infrastructure planning, environmental protection, and community investment related to the Games.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the assistance of the Executive Director of the Office of Major Events, to report back in 7 days on the current status of the LA28 Impact and Sustainability Plan and to provide a timeline for production and public release of this information.

PRESENTED BY:

TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:

MOTION

Freddie Roach is an American boxing trainer and former professional boxer. Roach is widely regarded as one of the best boxing trainers of all time.

He is the enduring boxing coach of the eight-division world champion Manny Pacquiao, five-time and four-division world champion Miguel Cotto, former WBC middleweight champion Julio César Chávez Jr., three-time world champion James Toney, former UFC middleweight and two-time welterweight champion Georges St-Pierre, as well as top prospects Jose Benavidez, Peter Quillin, and Vanes Martirosyan. Roach was the trainer of two-time women's world champion Lucia Rijker. He has also trained former light welterweight champion Amir Khan.

Freddie Roach established Wild Card Boxing in 1995 in Hollywood on Vine, and the gym is now home to some of the greatest fighters in the world. Champions Julia Cesar Chavez Jr., Miguel Cotto, Zou Shiming, George St-Pierre and Manny Pacquiao are just a few of the acclaimed fighters who have trained with Freddie at the Wild Card. Aside from its reputation among elite fighters, the heart and soul of the club is the group of non-professional boxers who show up every day, put in the work and the sweat it takes to get better.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection of Vine Street and Banner Avenue, outside of 1123 Vine Street be designated "Freddie Roach Square" to honor Freddie Roach and his contributions to Los Angeles and the boxing community, which honors his work to this day.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect a permanent ceremonial sign to this effect at this location.

PRESENTED BY:

HUGO SOTO-MARTÍNEZ Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY:

MOTION

PERSONNEL AND HIRING, GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY,

The City of Los Angeles has grown to employ a diverse workforce of over 50,000 people. This growth has necessitated the acquisition or lease of new office space in the Civic Center and Historic Core of Downtown Los Angeles, as well as other areas throughout the City. This new office space ensures that the City workforce has the space to operate and provide quality City services.

At the same time, the COVID-19 pandemic forced all sectors, including government services, to reshape work environments. Many City departments implemented a telecommute option, which allowed City operations to remain functional while ensuring the safety of its workforce. Post-pandemic, every sector is evaluating the future of work. Depending on the jurisdiction, some public sector agencies have mandated a return to the office for their workforce, while others have adopted a hybrid model.

The City has not adopted one model for its civilian workforce relative to in-person or remote work. Each department has its own office policy. As a result, the City funds the office space required to support a large workforce, while also allowing employees to work a majority of the time from home. In addition, labor agreements stipulate certain workspace requirements for City employees; however, this practice may be outdated given a diminished need for office space.

For this reason, the current use of City resources for office leases and workspace may be excessive and inefficient. The City should audit costs associated with leases and maintaining traditional office space in the context that a significant number of City employees work from home. This analysis may be used to determine whether there are efficiencies to be gained from consolidation of leases, and/or execution of one office policy for the City's civilian workforce.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the General Services Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to report with an overview of the City's current office lease portfolio, including an inventory of office space and costs associated with each lease.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the Information Technology Agency, with the assistance of the CAO, to report with an overview of the City Departments' costs and inventory associated with at-home work station equipment.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the CAO to report on City telecommuting policies within each department; and to provide an analysis of whether consolidating leases, streamlining different departmental policies, and revising space requirements found in current labor agreements relative to office standards, may bring about a more cost effective use of City funds.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst to report on current telecommuting and return-to-work policies in other jurisdictions across the State.

PRESENTED BY:

SECONDED BY:

MONICA RODRIGUEZ

Councilwoman, 7th District

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON UNARMED CRISIS PREVENTION INTERVENTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

MOTION

The City of Los Angeles continues to invest in specialized teams that are deployed to deescalate and respond to people experiencing mental and behavioral health crises and is working to better align with the County of Los Angeles' Alternative Crisis Response system. In order to continue expanding the network of alternative response teams deployed in the City, such as the Crisis and Incident Response through Community-Led Engagement (CIRCLE) program, the Unarmed Model of Crisis Response (UMCR) program, and other co-deployment models, strengthening the region's behavior health network and creating career pipelines to support this work is a necessary component to ensure successful scaling of these efforts.

In order for these nonviolent emergency programs to operate effectively, unarmed crisis workers, such as social workers, emergency health care personnel, and licensed clinicians, are necessary. There are numerous pathways for individuals to receive the necessary training and education, including certificate programs, undergraduate and post-graduate degrees, and crisis prevention instruction. It is imperative that the City help support and promote these educational opportunities to address the need for crisis workers, as well as involve stakeholders and inform the public about the City's CIRCLE and UMCR programs.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department and the Youth Development Department to report on strategies and the steps necessary to co-sponsor workshops to inform individuals about educational and career pathways to becoming crisis workers who would support the City's outreach programs to individuals experiencing homelessness and unarmed crisis response teams.

PRESENTED BY:

Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE 2028 OLYMPIC AND PARAOLYMPIC GAMES

MOTION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & JOBS

In the Host City Contract for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games (LA28), the LA28 Organizing Committee is required, through an established Community Business and Procurement Working Group and Local Hire Working Group ("Community/Local Working Group"), to release a LA28 "Community Business and Procurement Program" and a "Local Hire Program" by no later than March 31, 2025.

As of April 4, 2025, LA28 has not submitted, or made publicly available, the required Plan.

The City of Los Angeles requires such a Plan in order for the Games to be consistent with the City's goals leveraging the respective prospective hiring pools of Los Angeles regional and City local hire programs, seeking opportunities to consider drawing on local, established workforce training, upskilling, and career preparation pathways and hiring programs, and to ensure that local, small, and underrepresented businesses are meaningfully included in sourcing and bidding processes for the Games. The assessment is a critical tool for guiding a local business-driven framework in decision-making and workforce development programs to further ensure that the 2028 Games fully represent the best and brightest local businesses and workforce of Los Angeles.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the assistance of the Executive Director of the Office of Major Events, to report back in 7 days on the current status of the LA28 Community Business and Procurement Program and the Local Hire Program and to provide a timeline for production and public release of this information.

PRESENTED BY:

TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:



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MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of the ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a work plan to remove all invasive plant species within the Sepulveda Basin, and related matters, Item 2 on today's Council Agenda (CF 24-1533) BE AMENDED as follows:

Instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks, Bureau of Engineering, Los Angeles Sanitation, and the Los Angeles Fire Department with the assistance of the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee (SBWASC) to:

- a. Report to the Council within 60 days on a work plan that addresses a combination of both the control and removal of all invasive species within and in the medians surrounding the Sepulveda Basin. The work plan goals should articulate what can be done in a one, three, five, eight and ten year timeline.
- c. Develop a plan to promote <u>colorful and vibrant</u> native <u>Californian</u> plant species <u>that bloom year-round and/or seasonally</u> and have them <u>exponentially increase</u> in quantity within the Sepulveda Basin <u>and in the medians surrounding the Sepulveda</u> Basin.
- d. Explore alternative methods for weed abatement and brush clearance such as initiating a pilot program of goatscaping in coordination with the National Audubon Society.

PRESENTED BY: Mul

IMELDA PADILLA

Councilmember, 6th District

SECONDED