

Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding

Friday, May 16, 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, Hutt, Lee, McOsker, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martinez, Yaroslavsky (11); Absent: Hernandez, Jurado, Nazarian, Padilla, (4)

Approval of the Minutes

Commendatory Resolutions, Introductions and Presentations

Multiple Agenda Item Comment

Public Testimony of Non-agenda Items Within Jurisdiction of Council

Items for which Public Hearings Have Been Held

(1) 25-0357

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS and GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY, INNOVATION, AND AUDITS COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to the current use of City resources for office leases and workspace, and the costs and inventory of at-home work station equipment.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Rodriguez – Harris-Dawson):

INSTRUCT the:

- a. Department of General Services, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to report to Council with an overview of the City's current office lease portfolio, including an inventory of office space and costs associated with each lease.
- b. Information Technology Agency, with the assistance of the CAO, to report to Council with an overview of the City departments' costs and inventory associated with at-home work station equipment.
- c. CAO to report to Council 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.
- d. Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to report to Council on current telecommuting and return-to-work policies in other jurisdictions across the State.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Personnel and Hiring Committee waived consideration of the above matter.)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hutt, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Hernandez, Jurado, Nazarian (3)

Items Called Special

Motions for Posting and Referral - SEE ATTACHED

Council Members' Requests for Excuse from Attendance at Council Meetings

Adjourning Motions - SEE ATTACHED

Council Adjournment

ENDING ROLL CALL

Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Lee, Jurado, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15) (0)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Petty F. Santos, INTERIM CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting recessed: 12:16 p.m.

Special Meeting convened: 12:16 p.m.

Special Meeting adjourned: 12:48 p.m.

Regular Meeting reconvened: 12:48 p.m.

ADJOURNING MOTIONS

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
Blumenfield	All Councilmembers	Amelia Chico

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED #51

MOTION

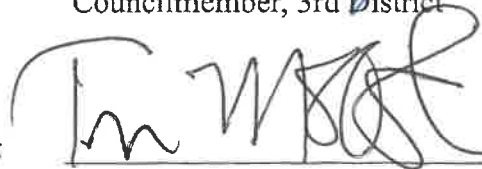
I MOVE that \$8,000 from the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281203 (CD 3 Redevelopment Projects - Services) be transferred / appropriated to the Department of Transportation Fund No. 363 (Special Parking Revenue Fund), Account No. 94A050 (Contractual Services) for the purpose of fence repair work in Council District 3.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be authorized to make any technical 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:


BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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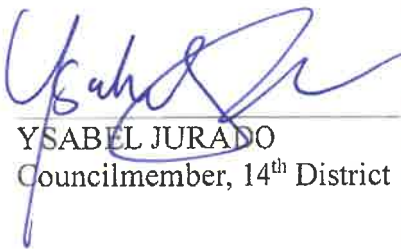
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I MOVE that \$400,000 from the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281214 (CD 14 Redevelopment Projects – Services) be transferred / appropriated to the Board of Public Works Fund No. 100-74, Account No. 3040 (Contractual Services) for various community beautification efforts and clean team services in Council District 14, to be coordinated by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps.


I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Public Works (Office of Community Beautification) be instructed and authorized to prepare, process and execute the necessary documents with and/or payments to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, or any other agency or organization, as appropriate, utilizing the above amount, for the above purpose, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Public Works 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:


YSABEL JURADO
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:



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On May 12, 2025, Governor Gavin Newsom announced \$3.3 billion in grant funding to create over 5,000 residential treatment beds and more than 21,800 outpatient treatment slots for behavioral health care services through the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Proposition 1 Bond Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round 1 awards.

Self-Help and Recovery Exchange (SHARE!), a 501c3, was awarded \$1,570,828 BHCIP Round 1 funding, with the City of Los Angeles as a co-applicant. As the co-applicant, the City of Los Angeles is required to provide a 10% cash match, to support the development of a Peer Respite in Council District Three.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council transfer \$157,082.78 from General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56, Account No. 0617 (Additional Homeless Services - CD3) to the City Clerk Fund No. TBD for the BHCIP cash match.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council authorize the City Clerk to make any corrections, clarifications, or revision to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instruction 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.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer and the Los Angeles Housing Department, and request the City Attorney's Office to provide assistance to the City Clerk's Office to meet the cash match requirement(s) and other conditions outlined by DHCS to effectuate the transfer of the funds.

PRESENTED BY



BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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I MOVE that \$12,000 in the Council's portion of the Heritage Month Celebration Special Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 be utilized to fund any aspect of the LGBT Heritage Month event.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed and authorized to prepare, process and execute the necessary documents and/or payments, directly with the vendor/service provider, and/or any other agency or organization, as appropriate, in the above amount, for the above purpose, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, if needed; and that the City Clerk be authorized to execute any such documents on behalf of the City.

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:


YSABEL JURADO
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:



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On Friday, February 14, 2025, at approximately 7:38 a.m., 32-year-old Reynaldo Gonzalez was shot while lying underneath a stairwell at 310 Hawaiian Ave., Wilmington, CA 90744, when an unknown suspect shot him multiple times, killing him. After a full investigation, detectives have been unable to identify the suspect or suspects and believe a reward may compel members of the public to provide information on the identity of the person or persons responsible for this crime.

The person or persons responsible for this crime represent an ongoing threat to the safety of the people of Los Angeles; therefore, it is appropriate for the City of Los Angeles to offer a reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death of Reynaldo Gonzalez.

I THEREFORE MOVE that by adoption of this Motion, the City Council provide an offer of reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death of Reynaldo Gonzalez on February 14, 2025, and in support thereof, make the following findings pursuant to Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code:

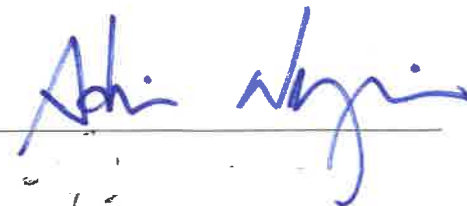

1. That the death of Reynaldo Gonzalez was caused by the willful misconduct of one or more persons.
2. That this offer of reward is consistent with and taken for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety of local residents, as well as visitors to the City, and is consistent with the need to arrest and convict the person or persons who, because of not being apprehended, could by their actions further terrorize and present a continuing and immediate menace to the rights of persons in the City.
3. That what happened to the victim is an especially disturbing crime and therefore, as a matter of public policy, the City hereby offers a reward as an added inducement for persons to come forward with information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death of Reynaldo Gonzalez.
4. That the sum of \$50,000 shall be the aggregate maximum sum of any payment or payments of a City reward in this instance.
5. That the offer of reward shall be in effect for six months from the date of the advertisement of the reward by the City Clerk.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to cause notices and/or advertisements to be duly published according to the requirements of Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, and to thereby cause the offer of reward to become effective.

PRESENTED BY:


TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:

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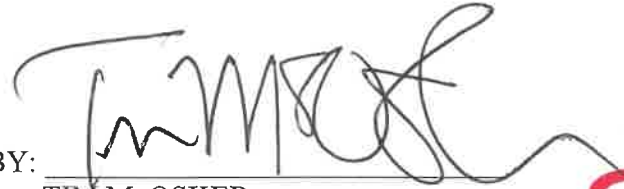
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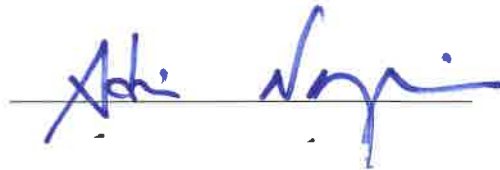
I MOVE that the City Council reaffirm its findings for the reward offer relative to the unsolved murder of Akeem Jamaal Coburn (Council Action of October 9, 2020, C.F. 20-0010-S14) and that the reward offer be reinstated for an additional period of six months from the publication of the renewed offer of reward by the City Clerk and, further, that the sum of \$50,000 shall be the aggregate maximum sum of any payment or payments of a City reward in this instance.

PRESENTED BY:



TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:



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I MOVE that \$300,000 from the Council District 8 Public Benefits Trust Fund, Department No. 14, Fund No. 49F, Account No. 140001 be utilized for homeless encampment community intervention services to be provided by Urban Alchemy, including positive engagements, relationship building, guest diversions, shelter bed placements, referrals, transportation, de-escalation interventions, and encampment census, as well as monthly data reporting of Key Performance Indicators regarding the above services.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be instructed and authorized to prepare, process and execute the necessary documents with and/or payments to the Urban Alchemy, or any other agency or organization, as appropriate, utilizing the above amount, for the above purposes, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

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: 

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY: 

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MOTION

On May 12, 2025, Governor Gavin Newsom announced \$3.3 billion in grant funding to create over 5,000 residential treatment beds and more than 21,800 outpatient treatment slots for behavioral health care services through the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Proposition 1 Bond Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round 1 awards.

The City of Los Angeles applied (CF 24-0580-S1) and was awarded \$9,743,738. The City of Los Angeles is required to provide a ten percent match in which the City of Los Angeles will commit to the cash match amount of \$974,373.80. Additional work will be required to acquire additional parcel(s) to fulfill the bond obligations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer (CAO) identify a funding source and then appropriate \$974,373.80 to obligate the City of Los Angeles to fulfill the cash match requirement of Bond BHCIP Round 1 Award No: 0000000709,

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the General Services Department (GSD) or other relevant departments to identify City-owned property and/or projects eligible for funding that meet the BHCIP Bond requirement(s),

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the GSD, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to negotiate a purchase and sale agreement with the owner(s) of real property located at various locations within Council District Three, and report to the Council with the purchase price and other terms and conditions of the acquisition.

I FURTHER MOVE that the GSD be instructed to conduct all required due diligence including, but not limited to, a Class "A" appraisal of the properties selected.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of GSD, CAO, and Los Angeles Housing Department to draft a conceptual site plan and other elements necessary to complete the BHCIP Bond award requirements.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Attorney, draft a memorandum of understanding with necessary entities to set terms for the acquisition and operation of the site.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO be authorized to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and including any additions; said additions may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

PRESENTED BY:



BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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Nearly one year ago, the Supreme Court of the United States issued a decision regarding City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson, holding that cities may enforce rules pertaining to homeless encampments and regulation of public spaces.

Since then, many Southern California cities, in an effort to protect health and safety, have enacted stronger rules regulating encampments. Last summer, Governor Newsom directed State agencies to address encampments on State property, and urged local cities to do the same. On May 12, 2025, Governor Newsom took further action, announcing a model ordinance that can be customized by cities to address encampments, using their authority affirmed by the Supreme Court.

While other cities have adopted new rules, Los Angeles's regulatory framework dates to a pre-Grants Pass era when City policy was made in response to settlements and judicial rulings that are no longer applicable given the Supreme Court's actions.

It is time for Los Angeles to update its own rules and implement additional common sense policies to protect health and safety on its sidewalks and in its public spaces, bringing them in line not just with other cities but the expectation of Angelenos.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council request the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 in the following ways:

- Amend Los Angeles Municipal Code Sections 41.18(c)(1), 41.18(c)(2) and 41.18(c)(3) to prohibit sitting, lying, sleeping or storing personal property without Council having to designate such sites via a council resolution.
- Add United States Post Offices, Fire Stations and Police Stations as a "Sensitive Use."
- Amend 41.18 to prohibit sitting, lying, sleeping or storing personal property within 500 feet of a Fire Hazard Severity Zone, environmentally sensitive area and critical infrastructure.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council request the City Attorney to report on the feasibility of amending 41.18 to prohibit encampments as presented in Section XXI(b) of Governor Newsom's Model Ordinance.

PRESENTED BY:


TRACI PARK

Councilwoman, 11th District

SECONDED BY:






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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, there are 1.6 million undocumented Californians enrolled in Medi-Cal, a public health program for low-income residents that currently provides crucial services to immigrants, who are not incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, the budget of California Governor Gavin Newsom proposes to stop Medi-Cal from accepting new enrollees 19 and older who lack permanent legal status in 2026; and

WHEREAS, as a Sanctuary City, Los Angeles has championed efforts to expand the rights and protections of its undocumented community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has extraordinarily high costs of living, which make basic essentials such as healthcare coverage of dire necessity to socioeconomically-distressed communities, many of which include undocumented constituents; and

WHEREAS, lack of healthcare coverage is not only costly to those who are uninsured due to high costs of medicine, expert care and debt - but taxpayers contribute to Emergency Room care for the uninsured; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have shown that lower rates of health insurance coverage lead to increased public spending, as uninsured individuals continue to require medical care and, in the absence of coverage, the cost of emergency and uncompensated care is borne by local, state, and federal governments; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 1 in 10 Angelenos is undocumented, and Medi-Cal provides the only affordable and accessible healthcare option for this vulnerable population; and

WHEREAS, if a legislative ban on immigrants' access to basic healthcare coverage were to be implemented, there is an anticipated volume of future Angelenos this action would harm; and

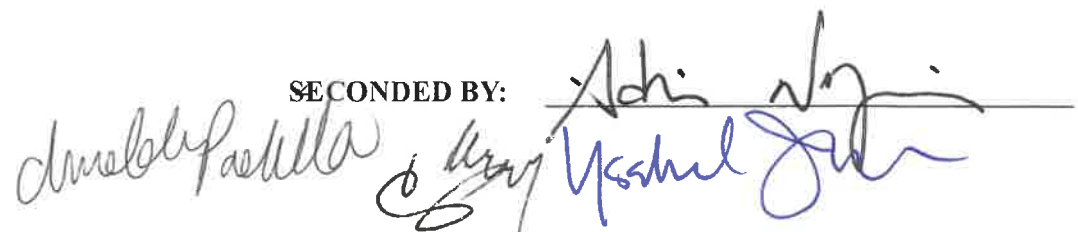
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-26 State Legislative Program, opposition of any legislation that cuts or denies access to healthcare coverage for immigrants.

PRESENTED BY:



HUGO SOTO-MARTÍNEZ
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY:



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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 government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, climate change has presented a number of reoccurring issues for the City of Los Angeles, and the State of California as a whole, such as increasing the likelihood of fire weather conditions by intensifying drought and drying vegetation, along with increased risk of other natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, across the state, local governments and taxpayers are bearing immense and mounting costs of rebuilding from damage caused by climate change, increased insurance premiums, property taxes, and utility bills. State and local budgets are impacted as climate risks rise, jeopardizing public services, and forcing communities to carry the burden to address climate-related emergencies; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before both houses of the State Legislature, are two companion bills, Assembly Bill 1243 (Addis) and Senate Bill 684 (Menjivar), which seek to create the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025 (Act); and

WHEREAS, the bills would establish the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Program (Program) to be administered by the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and require the largest fossil fuel polluters to pay for environmental and health damages suffered by Californians as a result of their emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Act will direct CalEPA to complete a climate cost study to quantify total damages to the state (through 2045), caused by past fossil fuel emissions, and to identify responsible parties and assess compensatory fees on the largest fossil fuel polluters proportional to their fossil fuel emissions from 1990 through 2024, to address damages quantified in the cost study, and directs that fees collected will fund projects and programs to mitigate disaster-related rate increases for Californians and remedy or prevent climate-related costs and harms; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Act advances California's commitment to equity and environmental justice by directing at least 40% of funds from the Program to go to disadvantaged communities. The funds will support urgently-needed projects such as implementing wildfire prevention measures like home hardening, upgrading stormwater management systems to prevent flooding, and installing solar panels and energy storage systems to reduce energy costs and increase resilience during power outages. Additionally, these funds



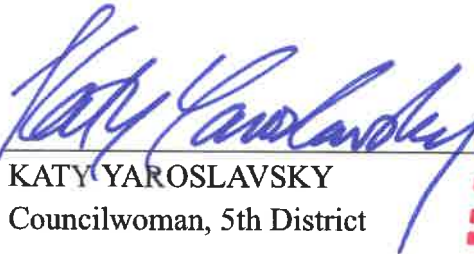
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could help develop urban green spaces to mitigate heat islands and improve air quality. It could fund programs to support first responders and additional workers who provide essential services during climate disasters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should support the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025 because it proposes to shift the burden of paying for the high costs of climate change recovery from California taxpayers to the businesses that have profited off the fossil fuel industry.

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 both AB 1243 (Addis) and SB 684 (Menjivar), the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025, which would establish a framework for fossil fuel polluters to pay their fair share of the costs of climate damages, adaptation, and mitigation.

PRESENTED BY:


KATY YAROSLAVSKY
Councilwoman, 5th District

SECONDED BY: 

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