Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding Friday, May 30, 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, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Soto-Martínez (10); Absent: Lee, Nazarian, Raman, Rodriguez, 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) 25-0498
 CD 11 GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed Right of Entry Permit for the upcoming skateboarding event, The Nine Club Cup, on the grounds of the West LA Municipal Building (1645 Corinth Avenue, Los Angeles 90025), including the West LA Courthouse Skate Plaza (1633 Purdue Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025).

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

INSTRUCT the Department of General Services, in consultation with the City Attorney, to issue the appropriate Right of Entry permit, and any other necessary documents, to organizers/sponsors of the upcoming skateboarding event, The Nine Club Cup, on the grounds of the West LA Municipal Building (1645 Corinth Avenue, Los Angeles 90025), including the West LA Courthouse Skate Plaza (1633 Purdue Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025).

<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

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

(2) **23-1022-S15**

CD 5

STATUTORY EXEMPTION and COMMUNICATION FROM THE MUNICIPAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE relative to a lease agreement between the City and Whittier Area First Day Coalition for the operation of a Tiny Home Village (THV) interim housing site located at 2377 Midvale Avenue in Council District Five.

(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 <u>www.lacouncilfile.com</u> for background documents.)

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Housing and Homelesssness Committee Report as Amended by Motion 2A (Yaroslavsky – Blumenfield), Forthwith - SEE ATTACHED Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Jurado, Hutt, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Raman, Rodriguez (2) (3) **25-0531** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOBS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to adopting the Five-Year Workforce Development Strategic Plan.

Recommendations for Council action:

- 1. ADOPT the Five–Year Workforce Development Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan) prepared by CivicMakers, attached to Council file No. 25-0531.
- 2. INSTRUCT the Economic Workforce Development Department to report to Council on a semi-annual basis on the metrics, KPIs, and benchmarks for the plan.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> The Workforce Development Board (WDB) reports that approval of the recommendations of the report will not impact the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

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

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

(4) **25-0600**

ANNUAL BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY, CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST.

Annual Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025-26 – Recommendations 1 – 216, Attachments A – E, Attachment F – Exhibit H (H1 – H53), Attachment F1, and Budget Motions (1-44, Motions A and B) – Adopted Forthwith Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Jurado, Hutt, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Price Jr., Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: Lee, Park (2); Absent: Raman, Rodriguez (2)

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, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Absent: Raman, Rodriguez (2)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Petty F. Santos, INTERIM CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
Blumenfield	Nazarian	Jeffery Daar
Park	Blumenfield	Lisa Maurath
Lee	Blumenfield	Elena K. Nihoa Asucan

ADJOURNING MOTIONS

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
Blumenfield	All Councilmembers	Abdallah Zaki

STATUTORY EXEMPTION and HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a lease agreement between the City and Whittier Area First Day Coalition for the operation of a Tiny Home Village (THV) interim housing site located at 2377 Midvale Avenue in Council District Five (CD 5).

ITEM NO. 2

File No. 23-1022-S15

Recommendations for Council action:

- DETERMINE that the funding allocation, construction, lease or similar agreement, and operation
 of the interim housing facility located at 2377 Midvale Avenue in CD 5 to provide temporary
 emergency shelter to people experiencing homelessness, is statutorily exempt from the California
 Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC), Section
 21080(b)(4), as a specific action necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency, and as reflected
 in State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15269(c); and PRC, Section 21080.27 (AB 1197), applicable
 to City emergency homeless shelters. Please refer to Notice of Exemption found in the Bureau of
 Engineering report dated September 29, 2023, attached to Council file No. 23-1066.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Department of General Services, or designee, to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with Whittier Area first Day Coalition for property located at 2377 Midvale Avenue in CD 5, under the terms and conditions substantially outlined in the Municipal Facilities Committee (MFC) report dated May 19, 2025, attached to Council file No. 23-1022-S15.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: The MFC reports that there is no impact to the General Fund. On April 21, 2025, the Mayor concurred the Council's approval of the Fourth Alliance Funding report (Council file No. 23-1022-S13) which allocates a total of \$421,632 to support the one-time cost of furniture, fixtures and equipment (\$181,392), as well as site operations (\$240,240) through June 30, 2025. No funding is provided for leasing, since the site is owned by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and this is a no-cost agreement.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on May 28, 2025, your Housing and Homelessness Committee considered a MFC report relative to a lease agreement between the City and Whittier Area First Day Coalition for the operation of a THV interim housing site located at 2377 Midvale Avenue in CD 5.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the MFC report, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
RAMAN:	YES
JURADO:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES

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-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-

MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of the Housing and Homelessness Committee Report relative to a lease agreement between the City and Whittier Area First Day Coalition for the operation of a Tiny Home Village interim housing site located in Council District Five, Item No. 2 on today's Council Agenda (C.F.: 23-1022-S15), **BE AMENDED** to adopt the following revised Recommendations in lieu of Recommendations 1 and 2 in the Housing and Homelessness Committee Report:

- 1. DETERMINE that the funding allocation, construction, lease or similar agreement, and operation of the interim housing facility located at 2377 Midvale Avenue and 10909 West Pico Boulevard in CD 5 to provide temporary emergency shelter to people experiencing homelessness, is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC), Section 21080(b)(4), as a specific action necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency, and as reflected in State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15269(c); and PRC, Section 21080.27 (AB 1197), applicable to City emergency homeless shelters. Please refer to Notice of Exemption found in the Bureau of Engineering report dated September 29, 2023, attached to Council file No. 23-1066.
- AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Department of General Services, or designee, to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with Whittier Area first Day Coalition for property located at 2377 Midvale Avenue and 10909 West Pico Boulevard, 90064 in CD 5, under the terms and conditions substantially outlined in the Municipal Facilities Committee (MFC) report dated May 19, 2025, attached to Council file No. 23-1022-S15.

PRESENTED BY:

KATY Y ROSLAVSKY Councilmember, 5th District (

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May 30, 2025

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

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I MOVE that the Council Action of May 13, 2025 relative to funding for the Koreatown Youth and Community Center for a community beautification project in Council District 5 (C.F. 25-0011-S5), BE AMENDED to adopt the following recommendations:

- Appropriate \$46,400 in the Council District 5 portion of the Council Street Furniture Fund No. <u>43D</u>, Dept. 50 for a community beautification project in Council District 5, to be coordinated by the Koreatown Youth and Community Center (KYCC);
- Instruct and authorize the Board of Public Works (Office of Community Beautification) to prepare, process and execute the necessary documents with and/or payments to the Koreatown Youth and Community Center, 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.; and
- Authorize the Department of Public Works 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:

SECONDED BY:

KATY YAROSLAVSKY Councilmember, 5th District

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I MOVE that the Council Action of May 13, 2025 relative to funding for the Los Angeles Police Foundation for public safety enhancements in the Beverly Grove neighborhood in Council District 5 (C.F. 25-0011-S6), BE AMENDED to adopt the following recommendations:

- Appropriate \$35,000 in the Council District 5 portion of the Council Street Furniture Fund No. 43D, Dept. 50 for public safety enhancements in the Beverly Grove neighborhood in Council District 5, to be coordinated by the Los Angeles Police Foundation:
- Instruct and authorize the Police Department and/or the Board of Public Works to prepare, • process and execute the necessary documents with and/or payments to the Los Angeles Police Foundation, 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; and
- Authorize the Police Department and/or the Department of Public Works 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:

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Councilmember, 5th District

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REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

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The Department of Aging (LADOA) has relied on Part Time Program Aides to provide support to its administrative and programmatic functions, and especially during the last Rapid Response Senior Meals Program (RRSMP). When the RRSMP ended in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024, the Department continued to maintain Program Aides to assist former RRSMP participants transition from the RRSMP to LADOA's congregate and home-delivered meals programs and the whole array of supportive services provided through its Multipurpose Senior Centers. LADOA's Part Time Program Aides continue to provide ongoing support to seniors with information and referral assistance to critical services. In order to maintain the current level of Program Aide staffing for the remainder of FY 2024-25, the Department will require a transfer of funds from the Salaries-General Account (001010) to the Salaries-As Needed Account (001070).

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council authorize the Controller to transfer \$168,393 from General Fund 100/02, Account 001010, Salaries General to Account 001070, Salaries As-Needed to administer the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Area Plan grant ending June 30, 2025.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council authorize the General Manager of the Department of Aging, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

PRESENTED BY:

HUGO SOTO-MARTÍNEZ Councilmember, 13th District

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SECONDED BY:



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TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT MOTION

I MOVE that \$1,462 be transferred / appropriated from the Council's portion of the Council Projects line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 000A28 to the General Services Fund No.100-40, Account No. 1100 (Hiring Hall), for services in connection with the Council District 13 special observation of the Pulse nightclub fire in Kočani, North Macedonia, which killed 62 people and injured 193 on March 16, 2025 on June 16 - 17, 2025, at City Hall, including the illumination of City Hall.

PRESENTED BY:

HUGO SOTO-MARTÍNEZ Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY:



TO CITY CLERK FOR FLACEMENT ON NEXT #55 MOT ROMAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED #55

I MOVE that \$438 be transferred/appropriated from the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56, Account No. 000714 (CD-14 Community Services) to the General Services Fund No. 100-40, Account No. 001100 (Hiring Hall) for services in connection with Council District 14's special recognition of LGBT Heritage Month at City Hall, including the illumination of City Hall on June 7, 2025.

PRESENTED BY: YSABEL JURADO Councilmember, 14th District SECONDED BY

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RESOLUTIONNLES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles (City) 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 with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is the largest municipal utility in the United States. Established in 1902, LADWP exists to support the growth and vitality of the City of Los Angeles, its residents, businesses, and the communities it serves, by providing safe, reliable, and cost-effective water and power in a customer focused and environmentally responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, introduced by Representatives Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA) and Celeste Maloy (R-UT), H.R.1267 – the Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act ensures that water utilities can continue to focus their efforts on maintaining water quality rather than defending themselves when PFAS polluters seek to dilute their liability; and

WHEREAS, this bill exempts specified water management entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) for releases of certain perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS; and

WHEREAS, the entities covered under the bill are public water systems, publicly or privately owned or operated treatment works, municipalities with a stormwater discharge permit, political subdivisions or special districts of a state that act as a wholesale water agency, and contractors performing the management or disposal activities for such entities; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) formally announced plans to designate perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) as hazardous substances under CERCLA. This designation means these PFAS substances are now subject to stricter regulations and cleanup requirements, which could put drinking water utilities at risk of incurring cleanup liability when they take necessary steps to remove and dispose of PFAS deposited into water supplies by upstream polluting industries. In addition, wastewater and stormwater utilities could also be put at risk as they receive PFAS chemicals through the raw influent that arrives at the treatment plant or through municipal stormwater runoff; and

WHEREAS, while EPA has announced an "enforcement discretion" policy that intends to focus on polluters that are responsible for the contamination and have profited from PFAS, such a policy is insufficient to ensure that drinking water and clean water ratepayers are permanently protected from CERCLA legal defense costs and cleanup liability for PFAS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, with the concurrence of the Mayor, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-2026 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for the Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act, which would ensure polluters, not the public, pay for PFAS cleanup.

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PRESENTED BY: ADRIN NAZARIAN Councilmember, 2nd District SECONDED BY: man

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CIVIL RIGHTS, EQUITY, IMMIGRATION, AGING AND DISABILITY

In 2025, the Civil, Human Rights & Equity (LA Civil Rights) Department filed two Notices of Violation arising from complaints by residents of discriminatory actions.

On January 14, 2025, the LA Civil Rights Department filed a Notice of Violation following an investigation into a discrimination claim made by a tenant, Sara Macy, that a request for an emotional support animal as a reasonable accommodation had been denied. The investigation regarding these allegations revealed discriminatory conduct that violated the City's Civil and Human Rights Law.

The incident involved multiple denials by the landlord for a reasonable accommodation in the form of an emotional support cat, despite the tenant providing medical documentation stating the need for an emotional support animal. Thereafter, the landlord moved to evict the tenant for violating the "no pets" clause in the lease. The eviction was unsuccessful.

Following an investigation, the LA Civil Rights Department issued a Notice of Violation against the landlord, Lynn Tollakson. After engaging in settlement discussions, Lynn Tollakson agreed to a \$62,500 penalty.

On April 28, 2025, the LA Civil Rights Department filed a Notice of Violation following an investigation into a discrimination claim made by a person with a disability who visited the Century Hill Association event facilities and was denied entry with her service animal. The investigation regarding these allegations revealed discriminatory conduct that violated the City's Civil and Human Rights Law.

The incident in question involved a person, Marl Lemmer, who was attending a collegiate alumni event being held at the Century Hill Association event facilities. The Complainant entered the event with her service animal, which was clearly marked as a service animal. Staff of the Century Hill Association questioned the Complainant about her service animal on the way into the event, and she explained that the animal was a service animal and was working. A short while later, the event staff removed Complainant from the event, questioned her further about her service animal, and requested documentation be produced regarding the animal's status. Questioning by the event staff about the Complainant's disability became deeply upsetting to the Complainant, and she was humiliated that she had been asked to step out of the professional networking event to speak with security. The Complainant felt so distressed that she eventually informed the event staff that she was leaving the event to avoid further illegal questioning about her personal medical information.

Upon concluding the investigation, the LA Civil Rights Department issued a Notice of Violation against the Century Hill Association. After engaging in settlement discussions, Century Hill Association agreed to a \$18,700 penalty.

The Civil and Human Rights Ordinance (Ordinance No. 186084) mandates that a portion of the penalties collected as compensatory penalties be paid directly to the complainant who filed the initial complaint with the Department. These payments serve as a form of compensation to an individual for harm caused by the offending third party.

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I THEREFORE MOVE that the Civil, Human Rights and Equity Department be authorized to accept \$62,500 from Lynn Tollakson and \$18,700 from the Century Hill Association;

I FURTHER MOVE the Civil, Human Rights and Equity Department to be authorized to deposit said funds into the Commission on Civil Rights Fund No. 64H Appropriation Unit 150000.

I FURTHER MOVE that \$31,250 be paid to Sara Macy and \$9,350 be paid to Mary Lemmer from the Commission on Civil Rights Fund No. 64H Appropriation Unit 150000.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Civil Human Rights and Equity Department, the Controller's Office, and/or the City Clerk's Office 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

HUGO SOTO-MARTÍNEZ

HUGO SOTO-MARTINEZ Councilmember, 13th District

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An investment in a public bank is a short term expenditure with long term, long lasting financial benefit. The City and its elected officials have definitively supported on multiple occasions the research needed to see if establishing a public bank in the City of LA is feasible and financially viable; on no less than three occasions over six years Council has voted unanimously to support forward motion (CF 19-1235). There is a precedent set for this financial model by the State of North Dakota - having established a public bank in 1919, and having weathered multiple financial crises due to its ability to leverage assets against itself and be independent from broader markets and federal level changes. Based on study of North Dakota's success and thoughtful analysis of the particular challenges and circumstances of the City, there is potential to create a powerful tool for economic development and budget stability for Los Angeles.

This coming fiscal year in the City of LA has shown the importance of sustainable, flexible funding sources to ensure that the City has the cash needed to maintain core city services and the workforce behind those services. A Public Bank will allow for the holding, and accruing, of flexible money and financing products that can sustain the City in moments of fiscal precarity. It also offers a funding source that can provide the needs of constituents without having to raise their taxes.

Council districts 1, 14, and 13 understand this necessary investment to see the long term benefits of financial independence and are all providing \$15,000 each in discretionary funding to contribute the first tranche of money needed to move forward with the feasibility study.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst to confirm with the consultants selected to conduct the study, as outlined in CF 19-1235, that the scope of work and timeline provided in the RFP response will be maintained.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to place on the Council Agenda for July 1, 2025, or soon thereafter as possible, the following recommendations for adoption:

- Appropriate / transfer \$15,000 from the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281201 (CD 1 Redevelopment Projects - Services), \$15,000 from the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281213 (CD 13 Redevelopment Projects - Services), and \$15,000 from the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281214 (CD 14 Redevelopment Projects - Services) [TOTAL: \$45,000] to the City Administrative Officer Fund No. 100-10, Account No. 3040 (Contractual Services) for the Public Bank Feasibility Study Phase I as outlined in CF 19-1235;
- Authorize the City Administrative Officer 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:

Eunisses Hernandez Councilmember, 1st District

Hugo Soto-Martínez Councilmember, 13th District

Ysabel Jurado Councilmember, 14th District

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Seconded by:

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The City owns a vacant 121,968 square-foot property at 5975 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90047. W.A. Rasic Construction, a City contractor, would like to use the property for a construction laydown yard in conjunction with a Department of Water and Power (LADWP) project on an adjacent site. This project is part of LADWP's ongoing efforts to enhance and maintain the infrastructure of the Western Trunk Line System, including the replacement of a potable water trunk line that is over 100 years old. In order for W.A. Rasic Construction to use this property, a lease agreement must be executed.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of General Services, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with W.A. Rasic Construction for the use of the City-owned property at 5975 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90047, Assessor's Parcel No. 6001-014-900, for a three-year term with two one-year options to extend at the City's sole discretion, for a construction laydown yard as part of a Department of Water and Power project on an adjacent site.

PRESENTED BY: MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON Councilmember, 8th District SECONDED BY:

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MOTION

In (2017) the voters of Los Angeles instructed the City of Los Angeles to create a legal pathway for consumers to use the cannabis plant for both medical and recreational use.

Since then, the City of Los Angeles created the Department of Cannabis Regulation, Cannabis Regulation Commission, and a Social Equity Program. To date, the moving parts related to creating a functioning legal venue have not coalesced for a streamlined process that facilitates a legal market that, in time, would eliminate the elicit market.

Consequently, the legal cannabis industry in the City of Los Angeles has experienced significant challenges. Many licensed businesses are struggling financially due to high tax burdens, regulatory fees, and a lack of enforcement against unlicensed operators. These issues undermine the regulated market and enable the continued growth of the illicit market.

Because of the limited regions where the City has allowed for these businesses to open, land-use scarcity led to commercial property owners often price gouge lease rates to cannabis businesses knowing that their options are limited.

Additionally, the Office of Finance has indicated that there are over 400 cannabis licensed businesses that owe the City anywhere between \$10,000 to \$ 1,000,000 in taxes, with a majority of their tax burden having been carried over from previous years. This number does not include another 300 cannabis businesses that each owe over \$1,000,000.

Furthermore, the City Council, and the Department of Cannabis Regulation, almost 10 years later, need to take a pause to consider what should be done to enhance what has worked and adjust where lessons have been learned. In order to do so, the department should focus on addressing existing issues with the current licensees before conducting another lottery.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare an amendment to the Los Angeles Municipal Code Chapter X, Article 4 to pause the Department of Cannabis Regulation from conducting any Phase 3 Round 3 retail license lottery in 2025;

PRESENTED BY: Mulderalilla

IMELDA PADILLA Councilmember, 6th District

SECONDED BY:





PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION

Adrienne Omansky, born on March 19, 1948 in Los Angeles, grew up in multiple neighborhoods throughout the City including East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, and the Fairfax District. In 1970 she graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles with a degree in Social Welfare before earning her Master's in Recreational Therapy from California State University, Northridge in 1975.

Adrienne worked for 38 years as a teacher-adviser in Programs for Older Adults within the Los Angeles Unified School District before her retirement in 2015. As part of her work with older residents, Adrienne addressed the issue of scams targeting this community.

In 2009, Adrienne, along with fellow educators and a group of friends, formed the Stop Senior Scams Acting Program, which promotes awareness of the scams targeting older adults and provides education in a peer-to-peer format to prevent senior fraud. The program was acknowledged for its work in 2018 by the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging and has become a model for serving and empowering this vulnerable population.

A long-time resident of Council District 5, Adrienne lived with her husband, Arthur Omansky, in Century City for 47 years. Following her retirement in 2015, Adrienne continued her advocacy work and collaborated with the City in her work to empower and protect older adults. Adrienne passed away on November 27, 2024.

In recognition of Adrienne Omansky's legacy of service, especially to the senior citizen community of Los Angeles, it is appropriate that the City name the intersection of La Cienaga Boulevard and 18th Street as "Adrienne Omansky Square."

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection of La Cienega Boulevard and 18th Street be named as "Adrienne Omansky Square" and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial signage to this effect at this location.

PRESENTED BY:

YAROSLAVSKY

Councilwoman, 5th District

PRESENTED BY:

HEATHER HUTT Councilwoman, 10th District

SECONDED BY:

