# Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding Friday, September 19, 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, Hutt, Lee, Jurado, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Soto-Martínez (10); Absent: Blumenfield, Hernandez, 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) **25-0965 CD 10** 

ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to developing a neighborhood park at the Park and Ride site located on 2541 South Genesee Avenue.

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

REQUEST the Department of Water and Power and the Department of Recreation and Parks to report to Council on the feasibility of developing a neighborhood park at the Park and Ride site located on

2541 South Genesee Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90016.

<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 Forthwith

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

# (2) **25-0846 CD 10**

ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the feasibility of developing a park at 2927 West Exposition Place in Council District 10.

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

INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation and Parks, with assistance from the Bureau of Engineering and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, to report to Council, with input from the local community, on the feasibility of developing a park at 2927 West Exposition Place in Council District 10.

<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 Forthwith**

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

# (3) **23-0935**

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to transportation investment prioritization using the Community Health Equity (CHE)

Index and complementary data sources.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the Department of Transportation (DOT) report dated August 20, 2025, attached to the Council file, relative transportation investment prioritization using the CHE Index and complementary data sources.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> The DOT reports that there is no impact to the General Fund. Neither the City Administrative nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

## **Adopted Item Forthwith**

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

(4) **22-1316** 

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (LEE – RODRIGUEZ) relative to a transfer of funds to cover essential program-related expenses for the Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma (ReCAST) grant program.

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

(Click on www.lacouncilfile.com for background documents.)

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item Forthwith - SEE ATTACHED

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

(5) **25-0315** 

TRADE, TRAVEL AND TOURISM, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT, and RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to a review of the current structure, operation, and budgeting process of the Department of Water and Power (DWP), Port of Los Angeles (POLA), and the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA).

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

DIRECT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to:

- a. Review the current organizational structures, operations, and budgeting processes of the DWP, POLA, and LAWA to identify inefficiencies, overlaps, and opportunities for reform. The report should include the 2024 policy measures referred by the City Council to the Charter Reform Commission.
- b. Report on recommended reforms, potential cost savings, and strategies to ensure that these departments are operating in a way that prioritizes both fiscal responsibility and quality service delivery. Additionally, these recommendations should include timelines needed for implementation for potential reforms to be considered for the 2026 ballot measure.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

# **Adopted Item Forthwith**

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

(6) **25-0808** 

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the proposed new Conflict of Interest (COI) Code for the Community Investment for Families

Department (CIFD).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the proposed new COI Code for the CIFD provided as Attachments A, B, and C of the City Ethics Commission report dated July 23, 2025, attached to the Council file.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> None submitted by the City Ethics Commission. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

#### **TIME LIMIT FILE - OCTOBER 21, 2025**

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - OCTOBER 21, 2025)

## **Adopted Item Forthwith**

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

# (7) **25-0002-S74**

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position on any legislative and/or administrative action that would increase the annual cap for U nonimmigrant status visas (U Visa).

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Rodriguez – Soto-Martinez, Jurado), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2025-26 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for any legislative and/or administrative action that would increase the annual cap for U Visas in the United States.

### Financial Policies Statement:

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 Forthwith**

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

# (8) **25-1023**

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to conducting a comprehensive, multiyear evaluation of alternative legal service models for the City.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (McOsker, Yaroslavsky – Raman):

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and City Administrative Officer (CAO), with assistance from the Office of the City Attorney as necessary, to report to Council in 30 days with recommendations for:

- a. A multi-year strategy to restructure and modernize the City's legal service delivery model. This strategy must include, at a minimum:
  - i. Evaluation of alternative models for settlements, including potential delegation of settlement authority thresholds and administrative reforms to eliminate costly delays.
  - ii. A strict framework for the strategic use of outside counsel, including mandatory cost-effectiveness analysis, engagement criteria, and strengthened contract oversight.
  - iii. A comprehensive long-term staffing plan for the City Attorney's Office that addresses caseload realities, reduces reliance on outside counsel, and ensures accountability for results.
  - iv. Comparative research on legal service models in other large municipalities, with a focus on governance structures, cost drivers, performance outcomes, and lessons learned that Los Angeles can and should adopt.

- v. A review of policy options for the Charter Reform Commission to consider for broader structural reforms of legal service delivery.
- b. Convening an advisory panel to the City Council of former senior City administrators, former City Attorneys, and independent legal and finance experts to ensure that external perspectives inform structural reform. This panel should be tasked with challenging existing assumptions, benchmarking Los Angeles against its peers, and identifying concrete reforms to strengthen accountability and reduce costs.

# Fiscal Impact Statement:

Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Adopted item as Amended by Motion 8A (Park – McOsker) Forthwith - SEE ATTACHED Ayes: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Rodriguez (2)

# (9) **25-0002-S80**

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position on Senate Bill (SB) 749 (Allen - Wahab), to preserve mobile home parks and protect mobile home park residents.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Park – Blumenfield), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2025-26 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 749 (Allen - Wahab), an act to amend Sections 798.56 and 798.62 of the Civil Code, and to add Section 65863.15 to the Government Code, relating to housing that would add protections for mobile home parks that are at risk of closure or conversion and provide rent relief to mobile home park residents displaced by natural disasters.

# Fiscal Impact Statement:

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 Forthwith

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

# (10) **24-1491**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to acceptance of sub-recipient grant funding for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (FY24/25), to support the City's Victim Assistance Program.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

- 1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to:
  - a. Accept the grant award in the amount of \$2,178,585 from the County of Los Angeles.
  - b. Prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, instruct the Controller to implement the instructions.

### 2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:

- a. Establish a receivable within Fund No. 368 in the amount of \$2,178,585 from the County of Los Angeles.
- b. Establish a new appropriation account within Fund No. 368 as follows: Account 12A310 Victim Assistance Program FY24/25 \$2,178,585.

- c. Transfer up to \$232,094 from Fund No. 368/12, Account No. 12A310 Victim Assistance Program FY24/25 to Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 001010 Salaries General, as reimbursement for City Attorney salary expenses of the four Resolution Authorities.
- d. Transfer up to \$1,165,012 from Fund No. 368/12, Account No. 12A310 – Victim Assistance Program FY24/25, to Fund No. 100/12, Revenue Source No. 5427 -Reimbursement from Grants, for salary expenses of the 15 grant-reimbursed Regular Authorities.
- e. Transfer up to \$648,256 from Fund No. 368/12, Account No. 12A310 Victim Assistance Program FY24/25, to Fund No. 100/12, Revenue Source 5346 Related Cost Reimbursement from Grants, as reimbursement for City Attorney fringe benefits and indirect costs related to the Victim Assistance Program FY24/25.
- 3. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to place on Council Calendar for July 1, 2025, the following action relative to the Victim Assistance Program FY24/25:

That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the Controller to transfer \$77,365 from Fund No. 368/12, Account No. 12A310 - Victim Assistance Program FY24/25, to Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 001010 - Salaries General, as reimbursement for City Attorney salary expenses of the four Resolution Authorities.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Attorney reports that the total cost of the Victim Assistance Program FY24/25 is \$2,366,501, of which \$2,178,585 will be reimbursed by the County of Los Angeles, from a formula grant awarded by the California Office of Emergency Services. The General Fund contribution is \$187,916 in related costs (CAP 42) which are already included in the 2024-25 City budget.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(Budget and Finance Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

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

(11) **CD 9** 

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOBS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to updates on the Los Angeles Convention Center Expansion and Modernization Project.

Submits Without Recommendation:

- NOTE AND FILE the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report dated June 13, 2025, attached to Council file No. 15-1207-S1, relative to updates on the LACC Expansion and Modernization Project.
- 2. INSTRUCT the CAO, with assistance of City Attorney and Department of Cultural Affairs, to report to Council on the ability to use the one percent of the Arts Development Fee for the renovation of Gilbert Lindsay Plaza.
- 3. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Engineering, with assistance of CAO, City Tourism Department, and other necessary departments, to report to Council on the potential of doing a stand alone City led project for the renovation of Gilbert Lindsay Plaza, to be done concurrently with the larger Convention Center Renovation and Expansion Project, including projected project costs, a revenue analysis, and possibility of a phased development to account for the 2028 Games.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For, if Amended: Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council

(Budget and Finance 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.)

# Adopted Item as Amended - SEE ATTACHED

Ayes: (0); Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

No Action Taken. See Item No. 15 on Special Agenda.

(12) **15-1207-S3 CD 9** 

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER and ADDENDUM relative to requesting authorization for the issuance and sale in a principal amount up to \$990 million of Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) lease revenue bonds 2025-A (Los Angeles Convention Center) and MICLA lease revenue bonds series 2025-B (Los Angeles Convention Center) (Federally Taxable).

(Budget and Finance 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

(Economic Development and Jobs Committee waived consideration of the above matter.)

Adopted Item as Amended by Motion 12A (Harris-Dawson, et al. – Nazarian) and Motion (McOsker – Harris-Dawson) - SEE ATTACHED

Ayes: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Soto-Martínez (11); Nays: Raman, Yaroslavsky (2); Absent: Blumenfield, Rodriguez (2)

Adopted Item Urgent Forthwith

Ayes: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Rodriguez (2)

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

# (13) **25-0005-S76 CD 4**

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the property at 1801 North Normandie Avenue (Case No. 554846), Assessor I.D. No. 5544-012-010, from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated July 15, 2025, attached to the Council file, and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 1801 North Normandie Avenue (Case No. 554846), Assessor I.D. No. 5544-012-010, from the REAP.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> None submitted by the LAHD. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Continued from Council meeting of August 6, 2025)

# Adopted Item Forthwith

Ayes: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Rodriguez (2)

# (14) **15-1207-S4 CD 9**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO) relative to waiving review of the action that the Board of Public Works is anticipated to take on September 22, 2025, on the matter of the execution of a sole source Design Build Contract with AEG Plenary Conventions, LLC, for the Los Angeles Convention Center Expansion and Modernization Project.

Recommendation for Council action:

WAIVE, pursuant to Charter Section 245(b), the review of the action that the Board of Public Works is anticipated to take on September 22, 2025, on the matter of the execution of a sole source Design Build Contract with AEG Plenary Conventions, LLC, for the Los Angeles Convention Center Expansion and Modernization Project.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> The CAO reports that the recommendation in this report to assert jurisdiction over this action does not have a fiscal impact.

<u>Financial Policies Statement:</u> The CAO reports that this action complies with the City's Financial Policies.

#### 10 VOTES REQUIRED\*

### \*Journal correction

Adopted item as Amended by Motion 14A (Harris-Dawson – McOsker) Forthwith - SEE ATTACHED Ayes: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Rodriguez (2)

Items Called Special

Motions for Posting and Referral

Council Members' Requests for Excuse from Attendance at Council Meetings

Adjourning Motions - SEE ATTACHED

Council Adjournment

### **ENDING ROLL CALL**

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

# Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Petty F. Santos, INTERIM CITY CLERK

Ву

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Recess: 11:32 am Reconvene: 1:48 pm

Special Meeting Convene: 11:32 am Adjourn: 1:48 pm

# **ADJOURNING MOTIONS**

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
Price	All Councilmembers	Prudence Dianne Parker
		Wright

# **COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS**

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
LEE	PADILLA	SUN DAY

File No. 22-1316

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authorizing a transfer of funds to continue the operation and effectiveness of the Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma (ReCAST) grant program to cover essential program-related expenses.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Lee - Rodriguez), SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer \$124,213.01 from Fund 368/12, Account 12A350 – Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma Program (ReCAST) Year 3 to Fund 100/70, Account 001092 – Sworn Overtime.

<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

#### Summary:

On September 17, 2025, your Public Safety Committee considered a Motion (Lee - Rodriguez) relative to authorizing a transfer of funds to continue the operation and effectiveness of the Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma (ReCAST) grant program to cover essential program-related expenses.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Public Safety Committee moved to approve the recommendation in the Motion as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

# **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

MEMBERVOTELEEYESPRICEYESMcOSKERYESSOTO-MARTÍNEZYESPARKYES

HVR 9-17-25

-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-

I MOVE that the matter of the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Report relative to conducting a comprehensive, multi-year evaluation of alternative legal service models for the City, Item No. 8 on today's Council agenda (C.F. 25-1023), BE AMENDED to change the recommendation as follows (indicated in **bold** and <u>underline</u>):

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and City Administrative Officer (CAO), with assistance from the Office of the City Attorney, <u>City Attorneys Association and other bargaining units</u>, as necessary, to report to Council in 30 days with recommendations for:

- a. A multi-year strategy to restructure and modernize the City's legal service delivery model. This strategy must include, at a minimum:
  - i. Evaluation of alternative models for settlements, including potential delegation of settlement authority thresholds and administrative reforms to eliminate costly delays.
  - ii. A strict framework for the strategic use of outside counsel, including mandatory cost-effectiveness analysis, engagement criteria, and strengthened contract oversight.
  - iii. A comprehensive long-term staffing plan for the City Attorney's Office that addresses caseload realities, reduces reliance on outside counsel, and ensures accountability for results.
  - iv. Comparative research on legal service models in other large municipalities, with a focus on governance structures, cost drivers, performance outcomes, and lessons learned that Los Angeles can and should adopt.
  - v. A review of policy options for the Charter Reform Commission to consider for broader structural reforms of legal service delivery.

b. Convening an advisory panel to the City Council of former senior City administrators, former City Attorneys, and independent legal and finance experts to ensure that external perspectives inform structural reform. This panel should be tasked with challenging existing assumptions, benchmarking Los Angeles against its peers, and identifying concrete reforms to strengthen accountability and reduce costs.

PRESENTED BY:

TRACI PARK

Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:

September 19, 2025

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) Expansion and Modernization Project.

Recommendations for Council action:

INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with the support of other City Departments to:

- a. Close out all activities associated with the current Convention Center Expansion (LACC Expansion) project plan.
- b. Use the city's investment in the Early Works Agreement to evaluate and report back within 30 days with deferred maintenance on the existing footprint Convention Center, upgrades necessary and appropriate to bring the Convention Center into the 21st Century, including technology and accessibility, with options that can be completed prior to March 2028, and a competitive bidding process to select project delivery partners (the "Convention Center Modernization Project scope of work should include: major activities, such as installation of Figueroafacing Digital Signage and installation of Freeway-facing Digital Signage to the degree allowed by law; renovation of Gilbert Lindsay Plaza; implementation of electrical system improvements to ensure adequate electrical service to an expanded LACC and enhanced signage program; focused improvements such as ADA improvements in the West Hall and South Hall; cosmetic upgrades to enhance the visitor experience; elevator and escalator improvements; replacement of West Hall airwalls; repair/replacement of existing Fire Pump systems; upgrades to the South Hall Smoke Control System; replacement of existing facility BIMS controls; and other facility upgrades.
- c. Identify and report back within 30 days on any infrastructure improvements needed to support the Convention Center Modernization Project, including utility upgrades to support the project, and a plan to initiate and complete those improvements at the earliest possible date, with all work to be completed no later than March 2028.
- d. Identify and report back within 30 days on any additional actions necessary to reduce risks and deliver the LACC Modernization Project ahead of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- e. Instruct the CAO, with support of the CLA, Bureau of Engineering (BOE), and the City Tourism Department, to report within 30 days with an expenditure plan to fund the Convention Center Modernization Project.
- f. Evaluate and report back within 120 days on options to initiate a new Request for Proposal (RFP) for an Expansion project that would expand the footprint of the existing Los Angeles Convention Center upon conclusion of the 2028 Games, and consider and report back on other options for the Convention Center site that would maximize the site's positive economic impacts on the Downtown Los Angeles and greater regional economy; It should include an evaluation of potential closure of Pico Boulevard instead of a bridge; housing and/or hotels on the Convention Center site.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports, based on their original recommendations, the full City costs and the General Fund impact will depend on a number of factors including final Project costs, final bond issuance amount and costs including interest costs, and actual Operating Revenues and tax contributions achieved as a result of the Project. As presented in this Report, the total costs of the Project is estimated to be \$2,489 million. Based on this cost, the average annual net General Fund impact over the 30 year operating period is estimated to be \$61 million, in nominal dollars. This net General Fund impact represents the gap between the Operating Revenues and tax contributions achieved against the operating expenditures and debt service payments required on an annual basis. The net General Fund impact will be greater if the Operating Revenues and tax contributions do not materialize as planned. On an annual basis, the actual amount that the General Fund will need to support the operating expenditures and debt service payments on the Project will be greater than \$61 million. From fiscal years 2030-31 to 2036-37, the City would need to budget over \$100 million annually from revenues not directly or indirectly derived from the LACC operations. The impact on the General Fund slowly decreases over time and only flips to a positive impact in fiscal year 2055-56 when the final lease payment is made. There is no additional General Fund impact in 2025-26 and 2026-27 as sufficient funding for lease payments (debt service) due in these years will be paid from bond proceeds within the Capitalized Interest Fund. Lease payments beginning on April 15, 2029 (2028-29) through April 15, 2055 (2054-55) will require future annual General Fund budget appropriations in the Capital Finance Administration Fund (Fund No. 100/53).

<u>Financial Policies Statement</u>: The CAO reports, based on their original recommendations, that the recommendations in this Report comply with the City's Financial Policies in as much as they recognize that initiating multi-year projects or adding new items to the budget with future year expenditure requirements, necessitates the City to consider its ability to continue to pay these future year expenses. The issuance of the Bonds will not cause the City's debt obligation payments to exceed six percent of General Revenues for non-voter approved debt as established in the City's Financial Policies. After the issuances of the Bonds, the projected non-voter approved debt ratio is the highest in 2030-31 at 3.98 percent.

Debt Impact Statement: The CAO reports, based on their original recommendations, that this Report is being considered concurrent to an accompanying report that would authorize the issuance and sale of Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angles (MICLA) Lease Revenue Bonds to finance this Project. The Project, if approved, will cause the City, through MICLA, to borrow an estimated total of \$2.69 billion in lease revenue bonds. Over the 31 year amortization period, total estimated debt service is \$5.39 billion of which \$409.43 million will be paid from capitalized interest (bond proceeds) and the remaining \$4.98 billion (net debt service) will be payable from lease payments to be made by the City to MICLA, which is an obligation of the General Fund. The estimated average annual debt service is \$179.7 million. Final bond maturity is expected to be in 2055-56. The lease payments will require future budget appropriations in the Capital Finance Administration Fund (Fund 100, Department 53). Actual interest rates may differ as rates are dependent on market conditions at the time of issuance.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

#### SUMMARY

At a Special meeting held on September 9, 2025, the Budget and Finance Committee considered CLA and CAO reports, and CAO addendum relative to the final direction on the Los Angeles Convention Center Expansion and Modernization Project and finding that the project was assessed in the previously certified Convention and Event Center Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and that pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Sections 15162 and 15164 and the First Addendum and Joint Analysis, dated December 2021, and Second Addendum, dated August 2025, that no major revisions to the EIR are required and no subsequent EIR is required for approval of the project; and related matters.

After public comment was heard, and presentations were made, the item was continued to the September 16, 2025 regular meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee. Representatives from the Offices of the CAO, CLA, BOE, DWP, APCLA were present and provided additional details regarding the project, and responded to questions posed by the Committee members.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee Chair introduced substitute recommendations, and a majority of the Committee approved the recommendations in the substitute Motion. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
YAROSLAVSKY: YES
BLUMENFIELD: YES
HUTT: NO
McOSKER: NO
HERNANDEZ: YES

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BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to requesting authorization for the issuance and sale in a principal amount up to \$990 million of Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) lease revenue bonds 2025-A (Los Angeles Convention Center) and MICLA lease revenue bonds series 2025-B (Los Angeles Convention Center) (Federally Taxable).

#### Recommendations for Council action:

INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with the support of other City Departments to:

- a. Close out all activities associated with the current Convention Center Expansion (LACC Expansion) project plan.
- b. Use the city's investment in the Early Works Agreement to evaluate and report back within 30 days with deferred maintenance on the existing footprint Convention Center, upgrades necessary and appropriate to bring the Convention Center into the 21st Century, including technology and accessibility, with options that can be completed prior to March 2028, and a competitive bidding process to select project delivery partners (the "Convention Center Modernization Project scope of work should include: major activities, such as installation of Figueroafacing Digital Signage and installation of Freeway-facing Digital Signage to the degree allowed by law; renovation of Gilbert Lindsay Plaza; implementation of electrical system improvements to ensure adequate electrical service to an expanded LACC and enhanced signage program; focused improvements such as ADA improvements in the West Hall and South Hall; cosmetic upgrades to enhance the visitor experience; elevator and escalator improvements; replacement of West Hall airwalls; repair/replacement of existing Fire Pump systems; upgrades to the South Hall Smoke Control System; replacement of existing facility BIMS controls; and other facility upgrades.
- c. Identify and report back within 30 days on any infrastructure improvements needed to support the Convention Center Modernization Project, including utility upgrades to support the project, and a plan to initiate and complete those improvements at the earliest possible date, with all work to be completed no later than March 2028.
- d. Identify and report back within 30 days on any additional actions necessary to reduce risks and deliver the LACC Modernization Project ahead of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- e. Instruct the CAO, with support of the CLA, Bureau of Engineering (BOE), and the City Tourism Department, to report within 30 days with an expenditure plan to fund the Convention Center Modernization Project.
- f. Evaluate and report back within 120 days on options to initiate a new Request for Proposal (RFP) for an Expansion project that would expand the footprint of the existing Los Angeles Convention Center upon conclusion of the 2028 Games, and consider and report back on other options for the Convention Center site that would maximize the site's positive economic impacts on the Downtown Los Angeles and greater regional economy;

It should include an evaluation of potential closure of Pico Boulevard instead of a bridge; housing and/or hotels on the Convention Center site.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: The CAO reports, based on their original recommendations, the first lease payment from the issuance of Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2025-A (Los Angeles Convention Center) and Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2025-B (Los Angeles Convention Center) (Federally Taxable) (the "Series 2025 Bonds") will be due on April 15, 2026. There is no additional General Fund impact in 2025-26 as sufficient funding for the first lease payment will be paid from bond proceeds within the Capitalized Interest Fund. Lease payments due on April 15, 2026 through October 15, 2028 will be paid from the Capitalized Interest Fund. Lease payments beginning in April 15, 2029 through April 15, 2055 will require future budget appropriations.

Similarly, first lease payment from the second bond issuance (the "Series 2026 Bonds") is expected to be due on April 15, 2027. Expected lease payments due on April 15, 2027 through October 15, 2029 will be paid from the Capitalized Interest Fund. Lease payments beginning in April 15, 2030 through April 15, 2056 will require future budget appropriations.

Total estimated debt service is \$5.39 billion of which \$409.43 million will be paid from capitalized interest (bond proceeds) and the remaining \$4.98 billion (net debt service) will be payable from lease payments to be made by the City to MICLA, which is an obligation of the General Fund. The

lease payments will require future budget appropriations in the Capital Finance Administration Fund (Fund No. 100/53).

<u>Financial Policies Statement</u>: The CAO reports, based on their original recommendations, that the the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds and the Series 2026 Bonds will not cause the City's debt

obligation payments to exceed six percent of General Revenues for non-voter approved debt as established in the City's Financial Policies. After the issuances of the Series 2025 Bonds and the

Series 2026 Bonds, the projected non-voter approved debt ratio is the highest in 2030-31 at 3.98

percent (Attachment B of the CAO report attached to the Council file).

Debt Impact Statement: The CAO reports, based on their original recommendations, that the Series 2025 Bonds will be payable from lease payments made by the City which is a General Fund obligation. Lease payments due on April 15, 2026 through October 15, 2028 will be paid from the Capitalized Interest Fund. Lease payments due on April 15, 2029 through April 15, 2055 will be annually budgeted in the Capital Finance Administration Fund (Fund 100, Department 53). Based on current market rates, the estimated average annual debt service for the Series 2025 Bonds is \$63.0 million over 30 years, through May 1, 2055. The total estimated debt service, including total principal and interest, over the life of the Series 2025 Bonds is approximately \$1.89 billion. Actual interest rates may differ as rates are dependent on market conditions at the time of issuance. The Series 2026 Bonds will be payable from lease payments made by the City which is a General Fund obligation. Lease payments due on April 15, 2027 through October 15, 2029 will be paid from the Capitalized Interest Fund. Lease payments due on April 15, 2030 through April 15, 2056 will be annually budgeted in the Capital Finance Administration Fund (Fund 100, Department 53). Based on current market rates, the estimated average annual debt service for the Series 2026 Bonds is \$116.7 million over 30 years, through May 1, 2056. The total estimated debt service, including total principal and interest, over the life

of the Series 2026 Bonds is approximately \$3.50 billion. Actual interest rates may differ as rates are dependent on market conditions at the time of issuance. \_

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

### SUMMARY

At a Special meeting held on September 9, 2025, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a CAO report relative to requesting authorization for the issuance and sale in a principal amount up to \$990 million of Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) lease revenue bonds 2025-A (Los Angeles Convention Center) and MICLA lease revenue bonds series 2025-B (Los Angeles Convention Center) (Federally Taxable).

After public comment was heard, and presentations were made, the item was continued to the September 16, 2025 regular meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee. Representatives from the Offices of the CAO, CLA, BOE, DWP, APCLA were present and provided additional details regarding the project, and responded to questions posed by the Committee members.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee Chair introduced substitute recommendations, and a majority of the Committee approved the recommendations in the substitute Motion. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted, BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
YAROSLAVSKY: YES
BLUMENFIELD: YES
HUTT: NO
McOSKER: NO
HERNANDEZ: YES

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### 12A - BE AMENDED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) Adopt the CAO Reports .... (as written), except that recommendations 2 & 3 in the August 22, 2025 report shall be amended as follows
  - Request the City Attorney's Office to prepare and present a Fund Ordinance to create new special funds to receive proceeds and record accounting transactions in connection with the Series 2025 Bonds, and to return that ordinance back by September 24, 2025;
  - 3. Request the City Attorney's Office to prepare and present a Lease/Leaseback Ordinance to approve a lease and sublease between the City and MICLA of certain real properties and improvements thereon in connection with the Series 2025 Bonds and to return that ordinance back by September 24, 2025;
- 2) Note and File the B&F Report (as written)

I MOVE that the matter of the Addendums relative to requesting authorization for the issuance and sale in a principal amount up to \$990 million of Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) lease revenue bonds 2025-A (Los Angeles Convention Center) and MICLA lease revenue bonds series 2025-B (Los Angeles Convention Center) (Federally Taxable) and Budget and Finance Committee's report, Item No. 12 on today's Council Agenda (CF 15-1207-S3), **BE AMENDED** to adopt the following:

 ADOPT the recommendations in the City Administrative Officer's reports dated August 22, 2025 and August 29, 2025.

2. RECEIVE and FILE the Budget and Finance Committee Report dated September 16, 2025.

PRESENTED BY:

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON Council President, 8th District

HEATHER HUTT

Councilmember, 10th District

TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District

CURREN D. PRICE, JR.

Councilmember, 9th District



#### RESOLUTION



WHEREAS, on the City Council is considering moving forward with the Expansion and Modernization of the Los Angeles Convention Center Project (Project) with a total Project cost of up to \$2.72 billion, inclusive of a \$2,035 billion Sole Source Design Build Contract (Project Agreement) with AEG Plenary Conventions Los Angeles, LLC (APCLA); and

WHEREAS, subject to the City Council and Mayor's approval of the Project, the Project Agreement will be entered into by the Board of Public Works with APCLA as a Sole Source Design Build Contract; and

WHERAS, the Board of Public Works will delegate authority to issue Notice(s)-to-Proceed to the Bureau of Engineering (BOE); and

WHEREAS, the Project schedule requires achieving that all Project documents are executed, in particular the Project Agreement with APCLA by September 29, 2025, otherwise known as the Commercial Close Date; and

WHEREAS, subject to the Board of Public Works approval of the Project Agreement at its upcoming meeting on September 22, 2025, there would be insufficient time pursuant to the City Charter Section 245 to allow for five regular City Council meetings days to occur for the Board of Public Works' action to become final prior to the Commercial Close Date; and

WHEREAS, executing the Project Agreement by the Commercial Close Date is critical to beginning the Project on time and keeping the Project within budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Charter Section 245(b) the City Council waives its review of Board of Public Works' action to approve a Sole Source Design Build Contract/ Project Agreement with APCLA.

PRESENTED BY:

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSO

Council President, 8th District

SECONDED BY:

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# Motion

I MOVE that \$438 be transferred/appropriated from the General City Purpose Fund No. 100-56, Account No. 000708 (CD-8 Community Services) to the General Services Fund No. 100-40, Account No. 001100 (Hiring Hall), for services in connect with the recognition of "Blue Out Day" for the National Missing and Trafficked Foster Children, including the illumination of City Hall on September 25, 2025.

PRESENTED BY:

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON

Councilmember, 8th District

I MOVE that \$1,639.44 in the Council District 15 portion of the Council Discretionary Street Furniture Fund No. 43D-50 be transferred/appropriated to the Department of Transportation Fund No. 100-94, Account No. 001090 (Salaries, Overtime), for labor costs related to a ceremonial sign ceremony in Council District 15.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation be authorized to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this motion.

PRESENTED BY:

TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District

1 MOVE that \$900 from the AB 1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281204 (CD 4 Redevelopment Projects - Services) be transferred/appropriated to the Neighborhood Council Fund No. 59B, Department 14, Account No. 141268 (Reseda Neighborhood Council) related to the costs they expended for printing and outreach.

I FURTHER MOVE that 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:

NITHYA RAMAN

Councilmember, 4th District

# MOTION ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

Dr. George Pla is the Founder and CEO of Cordoba Corporation, a nationally recognized company specializing in civil engineering and program management across sectors such as energy, water, school facilities, and transportation. Cordoba Corporation is also featured as a Harvard Business School case study.

As a Governor's appointee and President of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission, Dr. Pla aims to prepare the Coliseum for hosting events that engage the surrounding communities, including the 2028 Olympics Opening and Closing Ceremonies, as well as Track & Field events.

Dr. Pla co-authored "Power Shift: How Latinos Have Transformed Politics in America" with noted academic and political analyst David Ayon. This American story is currently being taught in colleges and universities. Dr. Pla's second book, featuring current issues of today, will be released in 2025.

He is a co-founder of the City Club, a premier private club in Los Angeles that embraces and reflects the diversity and spirit of the City.

Dr. Pla also served on the California Science Center Foundation Board of Trustees and led the planning of Cordoba Corporation's historic transport of the Space Shuttle Endeavour through the streets of Los Angeles in 2012.

In recognition of his service to the community, Cal State L.A. awarded Dr. Pla the Presidential Medallion and an Honorary Doctorate Degree in 2023.

In 2025, Dr. Pla will also serve as Chair of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, bringing his expertise and network to support the Chamber's efforts in advancing opportunities and solutions for a thriving regional economy that is inclusive and globally competitive.

Bridging Los Angeles' Black and Brown communities, Dr. Pla seeks to uplift youth by providing opportunities through sport. He played a key role in bringing the South LA, East LA, and Harbor Classics to the City, events that allow high school football teams to play at world-renowned stadiums.

Dr. Pla has been appointed to serve on the Board of the LA28 Olympics Committee, where he will help develop Olympic and Paralympic programming ahead of the Games to unite our communities and create opportunities for the next generation of Olympic and Paralympic fans.

Furthermore, for his philanthropic efforts and his service to his communities, Dr. Pla has been named by Hispanic Business Magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential Latinos in the nation.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be requested to rename the Soccer Fields at the Michelle and Barack Obama Sport Complex, located at 5001 Obama Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90016, to "George Pla Soccer Fields" in honor of Dr. Pla for his contributions to the community and the City.

PRESENTED BY:

HEATHER HUTT

Councilmember, 10th District

The alley south of W. 62<sup>nd</sup> Street and north of W. Gage Avenue between Figueroa Street and Flower Street has become a public nuisance. Residents in the area surrounding the alley have reported multiple incidents of illegal dumping and criminal activity, including illegal drug use, prostitution, and violent assaults, occurring at this alley.

Pursuant to State Vehicle Code Section 21101.4, the City is authorized to undertake the temporary closure of public streets for a period of eighteen months when necessary to mitigate criminal activity and/or illegal dumping.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Engineer be instructed to report with recommendations to temporarily close the alley south of W. 62<sup>nd</sup> Street and north of W. Gage Avenue between Figueroa Street and Flower Street, pursuant to State Vehicle Code Section 21101.4, with the southern portion of the alley to remain open to ensure all adjacent properties remain accessible.

PRESENTED BY:

CURREN D. PRICE, JR.

Councilmember, 9th District

Numerous studies have shown that the consumption of cannabis at a young age can have detrimental impacts on a child's health. Cannabis use during adolescence and young adulthood may harm the developing brain and can cause negative impacts such as: (1) difficulty thinking and problem-solving; (2) problems with memory and learning; and (3) issues maintaining attention. Additionally, frequent use of marijuana is linked to a higher risk of developing mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, and psychosis. Due to the severity of the impacts marijuana has on young users, it is important that the cannabis industry is properly regulated so children are not exposed to a product that can be harmful to them.

Current law states that cannabis can only be sold to those who are 21 years and older with a valid government-issued photo identification card. For medically prescribed cannabis, the minimum age is 18 with a valid medical marijuana card. Although these laws exist to prevent children from accessing cannabis products, cannabis manufacturers use specific marketing tools that cause cannabis products to look enticing to kids. When children become exposed to this type of advertising, they are motivated to seek out cannabis products even though the law prohibits them from doing so. The City has always worked to prioritize the safety of the children in Los Angeles and should continue this work by ensuring cannabis products are being advertised in an appropriate manner that does not attract children.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council request the City Attorney's Office, with the assistance of the Department of Cannabis Regulation and the Los Angeles Police Department, to prepare a report with recommendations to amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to prohibit and penalize youth-targeted cannabis marketing not currently addressed by State or local law.

PRESENTED BY

HEATHER HUTT

Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY:

DBY: Fair Park

# PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT

In the implementation of the recently enacted Resident Protection Ordinance (RPO), a key component of the Citywide Housing Incentive Program (CHIP), there have arisen programmatic challenges as it pertains to its interplay with the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) and the impacts on homeowners needing to make urgent modifications to their homes.

In a recent example, a CD 5 homeowner discovered black mold in their home and un-rented accessory dwelling unit (ADU), formerly their unattached garage, necessitating the demolition of both structures. The single-family residence was constructed prior to 1978 and is now subject to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance given the garage ADU conversion, so both units are now subject to requirements unrelated to their previous uses.

Important and well-intentioned policies should not be hindering the ability of homeowners to move forward with changes to their properties necessitated by urgent health and safety concerns, and the City should craft clear, precise exemptions that do not hinder or detract from our vital tenant protections.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), the Department of City Planning (DCP), the Department of Building and Safety (DBS), and any other relevant departments, in consultation with the Office of the City Attorney, to authorize the necessary permits to allow for the demolition of the single family residence and accessory dwelling unit (ADU) at 9019 Monte Mar Drive, given the presence of black mold within the structures, and to allow for the desired rebuilding of the single family residence with an attached junior ADU (JADU), in conformance with all applicable City codes; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council direct DCP, in consultation with the Office of the City Attorney, DBS, and LAHD, report back within 30 days on recommended changes, either administrative or statutory, to the implementation of the Resident Protection Ordinance (RPO), Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO), an/or to any other relevant local ordinances, implementation memorandum, applicant guidance, etc. to allow for owner occupied single family homeowners to demolish their residence(s) without triggering housing replacement requirements, particularly when there are serious environmental or health conditions, while still ensuring conformance with the Housing Crisis Act and any other relevant state and local statutes.

PRESENTED BY:

KATY YAROSLAVSKY

Councilwoman, 5th District



In 2021, in collaboration with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and the County of Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles launched **Opportunity L.A.**, a Children's Savings Account program that automatically opened savings accounts for all LAUSD 1st graders. This program, administered by the Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD), now boasts over 116,000 active accounts. CIFD continues to reach new families, helping them begin their journey toward post-secondary education savings by offering a \$50 seed deposit upon registration.

In 2022, while serving as a California State Assemblymember, I had the privilege of authoring AB 2821, legislation that established the California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CalKIDS). This statewide program provides up to \$1,500 in scholarship funds to eligible low-income public school students—support that can change the trajectory of a child's educational future.

Research consistently shows that even modest savings can dramatically improve a child's likelihood of attending and completing college. A 2013 study from the Center for Social Development at Washington University in St. Louis found that low-to-moderate-income children with just \$1–\$499 in a college savings account were over three times more likely to enroll in college and four times more likely to graduate than those with no savings. Similarly, San Francisco's Kindergarten to College (K2C) program helped reduce the college enrollment gap between underrepresented and represented students by 30 percent.

CIFD is currently working in partnership with the ScholarShare Investment Board, the California Child Savings Account Coalition, and the UCLA CalKIDS Institute to implement the California Early Wealth Accounts System (CEWAS) Plan—an initiative designed to better align local and state programs supporting young students and their families.

Together, Opportunity L.A. and CalKIDS play a critical role in fostering a college-going culture and expanding access to higher education for some of our most vulnerable Angelenos. Yet, despite the availability of these programs, many eligible families remain unregistered and unaware—leaving vital financial resources untouched.

#### I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council:

AUTHORIZE the General Manager, or designee, of the Community Investment for
Families Department to expand and enhance efforts to raise awareness of both the City's
Opportunity L.A. program and the State of California's CalKIDS program. This includes
deeper collaboration with LAUSD, the ScholarShare Investment Board, the California

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Children's Savings Account Coalition, the UCLA CalKIDS Institute, and any other relevant external partners.

- DIRECT the Community Investment for Families Department to conduct targeted
  outreach through ethnic media, social media platforms, and trusted community-based
  organizations and partners to ensure broad and equitable awareness of both programs
  across Los Angeles communities.
- 3. INSTRUCT the Community Investment for Families Department to report back to the City Council within 90 days on the outcomes of these outreach efforts, including metrics on family engagement and account activation, and to identify additional opportunities to further enhance participation in and coordination between Opportunity L.A. and CalKIDS.

PRESENTED BY:

ADRIN NAZARIAN

Councilmember, 2nd District

# TRANSPORTATION

# MOTION

Personal Delivery Devices (PDDs), commonly known as delivery robots, are small, electrically powered, semi- or fully-autonomous devices that navigate sidewalks and the public right-of-way to provide last-mile delivery of groceries, prepared meals, and retail goods. Within Los Angeles County, cities such as West Hollywood, Santa Monica, and Los Angeles have established PDD programs

In 2023, the City of Los Angeles adopted Ordinance No. 187715, authorizing the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to initiate a pilot program regulating PDDs and issuing permits to qualified operators. The City utilizes LADOT's regulatory framework, informed by Mayor Garcetti's 2021 Rules and Guidelines, which established requirements for insurance, indemnification, speed limits, sidewalk accessibility, hours of operation, fleet size, data-sharing, advertising, enforcement, and integration with the City's 311 system.

While the pilot program established an important regulatory framework, the City has not reassessed its outcomes or the fee structure since its adoption. As this program will continue to be a part of the City's broader shared micro-mobility devices ecosystem, it is important to re-examine the program to ensure best practices, address any impacts to pedestrians and ADA access, and opportunities to streamline enforcement, especially as large scale events are coming to the City.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to report back with an assessment of the Personal Delivery Devices (PDD) program and recommendations to improve the program, including but not limited to:

- Evaluation of the current permit structure, with recommendations for alternative or supplemental models such as per-trip fees, utilization fees, and a tiered advertising fee schedule;
- Review of deployment and operational practices; and
- Analysis on the enforcement responsibilities, and recommendations on enforcement management.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the LADOT, in consultation with the City Attorney, to report back on the feasibility of leveraging data collected by PDDs to utilize to support the City's infrastructure data collection efforts.

PRESENTED BY:

EUNISSES HERNANDEZ Councilmember, 1st District

# MOTION BUDGET & FINANCE

In the adopted Fiscal year 2025 - 2026 budget, under the "Budgetary Footnotes" section, \$327,571 was designated within the Department's Overtime Sworn Account for use at Whitsett Park. After discussions with the LAPD, it is apparent that the allocated funds exceed what is necessary for overtime resources at Whitsett Park. There are other locations within Council District 2 that urgently require public safety resources.

I THEREFORE MOVE that \$140,040 in Overtime-Sworn Funding set aside in the 2025-26 Adopted Budget for use at Whitsett Park in CD 2 be reallocated to North Hollywood Division for the following purposes:

- Crime suppression operations in Alexandria Park, Valley Plaza Park, North Hollywood Park, Whitsett Park, Valley Plaza Recreation Center, and the surrounding business corridor;
- High visibility foot patrol details along commercial corridors in the North Hollywood entertainment district along Magnolia, Lankershim & Vineland to be deployed on weekends and varying weekdays, as needed;
- 3. Additional crime suppression task forces to be determined at the direction of North Hollywood Division for use within areas of North Hollywood Division that fall within Council District 2;
- Staffing for additional overtime details to assist the operations of various city departments and enforce Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11 as needed

I FURTHER MOVE that \$37,000 in Overtime-Sworn funding allocated in the 2025-2026 Adopted Budget for use at Whitsett Park reallocated as follows to provide additional overtime patrol resources in Council District 2:

Police Department Area Amount Foothill Area \$25,000 Van Nuys Area \$10,000 Mission Area \$2,000

PRESENTED BY:

ADRIN NAZARIAN

Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY:

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