

Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

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, Koretz, Krekorian, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. and President Martinez (10); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Cedillo, de León and Lee (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 Noticed for Public Hearing - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

(1) **21-0900-S108
CD 5**

HEAR PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Westholme and Missouri Avenues Street Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Proposition 218.

(Pursuant to Council adoption of Ordinance of Intention on February 1, 2022. The tabulation of ballots shall take place in Space 300 of 555 Ramirez Street on April 6, 2022 at 10 a.m. and will be publicly live-streamed. To access the live stream, join Zoom Meeting ID: 953 8628 4393, Passcode: prop218. Public announcement of the results from the tabulation of ballots and consideration of the Final Ordinance will take place at Council on April 26, 2022)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

(2) **21-0900-S109
CD 6**

HEAR PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Cedros Avenue and Novice Street Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Proposition 218.

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Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

(3) **21-0900-S110
CD 2**

HEAR PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Elmer Avenue and Burbank Boulevard No. 1 Street Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Proposition 218.

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Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

**(4) 21-0900-S111
CD 4**

HEAR PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Franklin Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue No. 1 Street Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Proposition 218.

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Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

**(5) 21-0900-S112
CD 13**

HEAR PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Douglas Street and Montana Street No. 3 Street Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Proposition 218.

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consideration of the Final Ordinance will take place at Council on April 26, 2022)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

**(6) 21-0900-S113
CD 4**

HEAR PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Ventura Canyon Avenue and Hesby Street Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Proposition 218.

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Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

**(7) 21-0900-S114
CD 14**

HEAR PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the 6th and San Julian Streets Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Proposition 218.

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announcement of the results from the tabulation of ballots and consideration of the Final Ordinance will take place at Council on April 26, 2022)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

**(8) 21-0900-S115
CD 10**

HEAR PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Guthrie Avenue and Preuss Road Street Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Proposition 218.

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Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

Items for which Public Hearings Have Been Held

(9) 19-0685-S1

HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) program activities and the approved budget, contract amendments, and program implementation for year 1 and 2.

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

1. AMEND Recommendation II. C of the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) transmittal, dated January 31, 2022 (Report), attached to the Council file, relative to the City's implementation of the Senate Bill 2 (SB-2) PLHA, to correct the Contract No. to C-138612, and adopt Recommendations II. B through II. D of the above mentioned LAHD Report, as amended.

2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LAHD, or designee, to:
 - a. Accept the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22, Year I allocation in the amount of \$26,219,573, as summarized in Table 1 of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report dated March 18, 2022, attached to the Council File, and accept the FY 2022-23, Year II allocation in the amount of \$40,753,337, as summarized in Table II of the above mentioned LAHD Report. Both allocations, or budgets, are in accordance with the approved five-year plan for the PLHA, per the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development requirements.

 - b. Execute an amendment to the City Contract No. C-136109 with CASK NX, LLC to increase the compensation amount by \$500,000, and extend the contract term to June 30, 2023, to develop, implement, and maintain a new Prevailing Wage Compliance Package and a Proposition HHH Project Tracker using LAHD's current investment in the ServiceNow platform, and automate LAHD's Housing Development Bureau business processes, in substantial conformance with the draft Amendment attached to the above mentioned LAHD Report, subject to funding availability, approval to the City Attorney as to form and legality, and completion of the Charter Section 1022 Determination process.

3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a new interest-bearing fund entitled "SB 2 Permanent Local Housing Allocation" for the receipt and disbursement of the annual, permanent allocation from the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development, to be administered by LAHD.

 - b. Establish new accounts and appropriate \$26,219,573 within the new fund as follows:

| Account No. | Account Name | Amount |
|----------------|--------------|--------|
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|--------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| 43VB88 | Administration Reserve for PLHA | \$ 209,575 |
| 43V723 | Rental – New Construction | 10,733,791 |
| 43V724 | Rental – Preservation | 5,768,306 |
| 43V726 | Homeownership MIPA | 5,119,815 |
| 43V919 | Eviction Prevention Rental Assistance | 1,247,002 |
| 43V920 | ADU Accelerator Program | 864,379 |
| 43V900 | Contract Programming | 378,698 |
| 43V143 | Los Angeles Housing Department | 1,220,269 |
| 43V299 | Reimbursement of General Fund Costs | <u>677,738</u> |

Total: \$26,219,573

- c. Increase appropriations in the amount of \$1,220,269 within the LAHD Fund No. 100/43 as follows:

| Account No. | Account Name | Amount |
|-------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 001010 | Salaries, General | \$1,022,614 |
| 001070 | Salaries, As Needed | 12,022 |
| 002120 | Printing and Binding | 7,000 |
| 003040 | Contractual Services | 20,000 |
| 006010 | Office and Administrative | 59,400 |
| 006030 | Leasing | <u>99,233</u> |

Total: \$1,220,269

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that there is no impact to the General Fund. The acceptance of the SB-2 PLHA award will fund expenses incurred for the programs in the proposed SB-2 PLHA allocation plan.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (10); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Cedillo, de León, Lee (5)

(10) **21-1481
CD 9**

MITIGATION NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND), MITIGATION MEASURES, MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM (MMP), and RELATED CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FINDINGS; PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT, and RESOLUTION relative to a General Plan Amendment (GPA) and a Zone Change and Height District Change for the property located at 640-700 West 27th Street.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074(b), after consideration of the whole of the administrative record, including the MND No. ENV-2019-6290-MND, and all comments received, with the imposition of mitigation measures, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment; FIND that the MND reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City; FIND that the mitigation measures have been made enforceable conditions on the project; and, ADOPT the MND and the MMP prepared for the MND.
2. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission (LACPC) as the Findings of Council.
3. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION, as recommended by the Mayor and the LACPC, approving the GPA to the South Los Angeles Community Plan, pursuant to Sections 555, 556, and 558 of the City Charter and Section 11.5.6 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC); to change the land use designation of the site from the existing Low Medium II Residential to the proposed Community Commercial designation for the demolition of an existing surface parking lot with 247 parking spaces for AAA employees, and the development of a new 201,345 square-foot, four and a half-story parking structure with up to 750 parking spaces (including 15 ADA accessible spaces), and up to 70 long-term and short-term bicycle parking spaces to serve AAA employees; the parking structure will be approximately 48 feet; the project includes a total of 18,206 square feet of open space, including 13,473 square feet of landscaped area; for the property located at 640-700 West 27th Street, subject to

Conditions of Approval as modified by the PLUM Committee on March 1, 2022, attached to the Council file, revising Qualified [Q] Condition of Approval No. 27 as follows:

- a. 27. Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers. The project shall provide 75 Level II or above EV chargers on Day 1 of operation of the structure with 146 stalls wired for future adaptability. However, the project shall provide Level III or above EV chargers, when feasible.

4. INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning (DCP) to update the General Plan and appropriate maps pursuant to this action.
5. INSTRUCT the DCP to prepare and present a new Zone Change Ordinance and any required new Findings to revise Qualified [Q] Condition of Approval No. 27, as detailed above.

Applicant: Raju T. Varma, ACSC Management Services, Inc.

Representative: Alfred Fraijo Jr. Sheppard Mullin Richter and Hampton LLP

Case No. CPC-2019-6289-GPA-ZC-HD

Environmental No. ENV-2019-6290-MND

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LACPC reports that there is no General Fund impact as administrative costs are recovered through fees.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For, if Amended: Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council

Adopted Planning and Land Use Management Committee Report, Resolution, and Ordinance as Amended by Motion (Price – Krekorian) - SEE ATTACHED
Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Koretz, Krekorian, Harris-Dawson, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

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

(11) **22-0005-S44**
CD 6

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the property at 15735 West Victory Boulevard (Case No. 723615) Assessor I.D. No. 2233-005-018 from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated March 25, 2022, attached to the council file and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 15735 West Victory Boulevard (Case No. 723615) Assessor I.D. No. 2233-005-018 from the REAP.

Fiscal Impact Statement: 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.

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

(12) **22-0005-S45**
CD 10

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the property at 2307 South Spaulding Avenue (Case No. 712433) Assessor I.D. No. 5064-028-016 from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated March 25, 2022, attached to the council file and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 2307 South Spaulding Avenue (Case No. 712433) Assessor I.D. No. 5064-028-016 from the REAP.

Fiscal Impact Statement: 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.

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

(13) **22-0005-S46**
CD 13

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the property at 4122 East Sequoia Street (Case No. 716850) Assessor I.D. No. 5593-023-006 from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated March 25, 2022, attached to the council file and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 4122 East Sequoia Street (Case No. 716850) Assessor I.D. No. 5593-023-006 from the REAP.

Fiscal Impact Statement: 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.

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

(14) **22-0005-S47**
CD 14

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the

property at 2561 West Colorado Boulevard (Case No. 691788) Assessor I.D. No. 5682-013-013 from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated March 25, 2022, attached to the council file and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 2561 West Colorado Boulevard (Case No. 691788) Assessor I.D. No. 5682-013-013 from the REAP.

Fiscal Impact Statement: 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.

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

(15) **22-0005-S48**
CD 15

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the property at 786 West 2nd Street (Case No. 614155) Assessor I.D. No. 7451-010-013 from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated March 25, 2022, attached to the council file and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 786 West 2nd Street (Case No. 614155) Assessor I.D. No. 7451-010-013 from the REAP.

Fiscal Impact Statement: 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.

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

(16) **22-0002-S46**

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION (MARTINEZ – BUSCAINO – DE LEON) relative to including in the City's 2021-2022 State Legislative Program, its position regarding SB 914 (Rubio) that would improve California's response to homelessness to address domestic violence and other vulnerable populations.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2021-2022 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT for SB 914 (Rubio) that would improve California's response to homelessness to address domestic violence and other vulnerable populations.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

(17) **20-0668-S4**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (Commission) relative to the Commission's Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.

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

1. APPROVE the Commission FY2020-21 Budget.

2. AUTHORIZE the Executive Director of the Commission, or designee, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, to prepare Controller instructions and make any other technical adjustments consistent with the Mayor and City Council actions on this matter and instruct the Controller to implement these instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Commission reports that the funds have already been appropriated in the FY 2020-21 Budget in the Unappropriated Balance account for this purpose.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

(18) **21-1083**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to regulate Commercial Cannabis Activity.

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

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated March 15, 2022, amending Sections 104.01, 104.03, 104.06, 104.06.1, and 104.20 of Article 4 of Chapter X of the LAMC to regulate Commercial Cannabis Activity.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(Budget and Finance; Immigrant Affairs, Civil Rights, and Equity; Information, Technology, and General Services; and Planning and

Land Use Management Committees waived consideration of the above matter)

URGENCY CLAUSE

(12 VOTES REQUIRED ON SECOND READING)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

(19) **21-1370
CD 6**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS (Board) relative to the application for the State specified grant for the Southeast San Fernando Valley Roller and Skateboard Rink in Sun Valley (Sheldon Skate Park Project).

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

1. APPROVE the filing of an application by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to the State of California, Office of Grants and Local Services (State) for the State Specified Grant for the Sheldon Skate Park Project.
2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, RAP, to accept and receive the State Specified Grant funds for the Project, if awarded as further detailed in Report No. 22-040, attached to the Council file.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board reports that there is no anticipated fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements will be determined when the proposed park improvements are completed around Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

(20) **22-0325**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING (Aging) relative to the senior service program presented in the 2020-2024 Area Plan.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the Aging's senior service program presented in the 2020-2024 Area Plan 2022-23 Update.
2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Aging, or designee, to execute the Letter of Transmittal and Area Plan Update documents to the California Department of Aging.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Aging reports that the proposed actions will not have an additional impact on the City's General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee waived consideration of the matter)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

(21) **22-1100-S1**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BALLOT SIMPLIFICATION COMMITTEE relative to the Simplified Digest for one proposed ballot measure appearing on the June 7, 2022, Primary Election ballot.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the SIMPLIFIED DIGEST prepared by the Ballot Simplification Committee for one proposed ballot measure appearing on the June 7, 2022, Primary Election ballot, pursuant to Los Angeles Election Code Section 405:

- Competitive Bid Preference for Local Contract Bidders – Charter Amendment

Fiscal Impact Statement: None provided by the Ballot Simplification Committee. 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 - APRIL 8, 2022

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - APRIL 8, 2022)

(Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

Adopted to Reconsider Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

Adopted Item to Continue to April 6, 2022

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

(22) 22-0002-S50

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION (RODRIGUEZ – RAMAN) relative to including in the City's 2021-2022 State Legislative Program, its position regarding the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Joint Power Authority's request for \$18.6 million to ensure the completion of the Land Mobile Radio system.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2021-2022 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT for the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications

System Joint Power Authority's request for \$18.6 million to ensure the completion of the Land Mobile Radio system.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

(23) 22-0002-S21

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION (KORETZ – DE LEON) relative to including in the City's 2021-2022 State Legislative Program, its position regarding Senate Bill (SB) 1173 (Gonzalez/Wiener), which will require the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) public pension funds to divest from all fossil fuel holdings and prohibit any new investments or renewal of existing investments.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2021-2022 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT for SB 1173 (Gonzalez/Wiener), which will require CalPERS and CalSTRS public pension funds to divest from all fossil fuel holdings and prohibit any new investments or renewal of existing investments.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

(24) 22-0002-S27

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION (HARRIS-DAWSON – DE LEON – BONIN) relative to including in the City’s 2021-2022 State Legislative Program, its position regarding Senate Bill (SB) 1373 (Kamlager), which would extend the date by which the disposition of certain property owned by a former redevelopment agency must be completed to December 31, 2024.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE to include in the City’s 2021-2022 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT and/or SPONSORSHIP for SB 1373 (Kamlager), which would extend the date by which the disposition of certain property owned by a former redevelopment agency must be completed to December 31, 2024.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O’Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

Items Called Special

Motions for Posting and Referral - SEE ATTACHED

Council Members' Requests for Excuse from Attendance at Council Meetings

Closed Session

(25) **17-0835**

The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled Jerome Boyd, Gary Carpenter, Andre Johnson, Glenn Martinez, Patricia Ramirez, David Riles, and Aaron Walker v. City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles Fire Department, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC648879. (This matter arises from employment discrimination claims made by current and former city employees of the Los Angeles Fire Department.)

(Budget and Finance Committee considered the above matter in Closed Session on March 21, 2022)

**Adopted Motion (Krekorian – Blumenfield) in Open Session - SEE ATTACHED
Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, de León, Lee (4)**

Adjourning Motions - SEE ATTACHED

Council Adjournment

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

(26) 22-0354

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS REGULATION (DCR) relative to amendments to the DCR's Rules and Regulations to reorganize, clarify, and establish necessary procedures for the administration of the City's commercial cannabis licensing and Social Equity Program.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the Rules and Regulations for Cannabis Procedures to implement the draft Ordinance recently transmitted by the City Attorney's Office on March 15, 2022 (Council file No. 21-1083) outlined in the DCR report dated March 23, 2022 and in Attachment A, attached to the Council file.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(Planning and Land Use Management Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price, Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

ENDING ROLL CALL

Blumenfield, Cedillo, de León, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price , Raman, Rodriguez, Wesson, Jr. (12); Absent: Bonin, Buscaino, Lee (3)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS

| MOVED BY | SECONDED BY | NAME |
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| De Leon | Rodriguez | Detective III Sharlene Johnson |
| De Leon | Rodriguez | Detective III Danetta Meniffee |
| Martinez | Rodriguez | Security Services Division Ten Year Anniversary (2012-2022) |
| Martinez | O'Farrell | Kids To Parks Day |
| O'Farrell - Krekorian | Koretz | Genocide Awareness And Prevention Month |
| O'Farrell | Rodriguez | DJ Khaled |
| Cedillo | De Leon | Senior Lead Officer Joel V. Perez |
| Cedillo | De Leon | Senior Lead Officer Daniel Rios |
| De Leon | Rodriguez | Detective III Lauren Rauch |

ADJOURNING MOTIONS

| MOVED BY | SECONDED BY | NAME |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Koretz | All Members | George Epstein |

MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of Mitigated Negative Declaration, Mitigation Measures, Mitigation Monitoring Program, and related California Environmental Quality Act Findings; Planning and Land Use Management Committee Report, and Resolution relative to a General Plan Amendment and a Zone and Height District Change for the construction of a new parking structure with up to 750 parking spaces, for the property located at 640-700 W. 27th Street, **Item 10** on today's Council Agenda (CF 21-1481), **BE AMENDED to adopt** the following **ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS**:

1. ADOPT the Zone and Height District Change ordinance from Restricted Density Multiple Dwelling Zone (RD1.5-1-O) to the Commercial Zone (T)[Q]C2-1D-O, dated September 30, 2021, subject to the Modified Conditions of Approval contained in the Planning Department report dated March 31, 2022, which are attached to the Council File.
2. REMOVE Recommendation No. 5 instructing the Planning Department to prepare and present a new Zone Change Ordinance and any required new Findings, inasmuch as a revised ordinance and new Findings are not needed, as indicated in the Planning Department report dated March 31, 2022, and attached to the Council File.

PRESENTED BY: Curren D. Price, Jr.
CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY: Paul Kurborn

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April 5, 2022

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

#51

MOTION

I MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering be instructed to coordinate with the Franklin Hills Residents Association and be authorized to issue the appropriate permits for the installation of a plaque on the Shakespeare Bridge in memory of Christopher Boutelle.

PRESENTED BY:



NITHYA RAMAN

Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



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MOTION

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

#52

On November 12, 2021, at approximately 10:00 p.m 40-year-old Alexander Aguirre was in a parking lot in the 13200 block of Maclay Street. An unknown individual approached him and shot him in the face. Mr. Aguirre succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

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

I THEREFORE MOVE that by adoption of this Motion, the City Council provide an offer of reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death of Alexander Aguirre on November 12, 2021, and in support thereof, make the following findings pursuant to Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code:

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

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

PRESENTED BY:

Monica Rodriguez

MONICA RODRIGUEZ

Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY:

[Signature]

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MOTION

I MOVE that \$476.45 currently located in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56, Revenue Source 5161 (representing a refund received from a prior year GCP Heritage Month allocation) be appropriated to the current year Heritage Month Line Item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 (100/56/000832) and be allocated therefrom to the Jazz Festival.

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

PRESENTED BY: 
MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilman, 8th District

SECONDED BY: 

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MOTION

The Boyle Heights Sports Center is a Department of Recreation and Parks facility located in the neighborhood of Boyle Heights. The facility has the only dedicated soccer field of any Department of Recreation and Parks facility in Boyle Heights - a neighborhood of over 85,000 people.


Last year, community members reported broken sports field lighting at the park to the department, making it impossible to play soccer after the sun goes down. Upon a delayed response from the department, constituents contacted Council District 14 staff asking them to expedite the repairs.

Council District 14 staff quickly contacted the Department of Recreation and Parks last fall to get a timeline on the repairs. The department provided multiple completion dates for the repair including March 4th, March 31st, and a date to be determined. The lack of urgency to repair the lights, inability to install temporary lighting, and poor communication with the public have put a substantial burden on a community who has extremely limited access to soccer fields. The department should provide a detailed report of what happened and how they plan to fix the issue.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks be INSTRUCTED to report back to Council within 14 days with a timeline on the repairs for the lighting at Boyle Heights Sports Center.

I FURTHER MOVE that this report should include, but not be limited to, a detailed description of what the damage is to the lighting, when the department was first informed of the broken lighting, when a repair request was generated, when the department scheduled the repairs, when the repairs will be completed, and why there have been substantial delays in the repair of the lights.

PRESENTED BY:



KEVIN DE LEÓN
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:



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MOTION

A catalytic converter is an exhaust emission control device that converts toxic gases and pollutants in exhaust gas from an internal combustion engine into less-toxic pollutants. Catalytic converter thefts are on the rise nationwide, and California has the dubious honor of leading the country in the number of converters stolen. Because of the external location and the use of valuable precious metals including rhodium, palladium and platinum, these devices are a target for thieves. As of March, rhodium was valued at \$17,400 per ounce, while palladium was valued at \$2,720 per ounce and platinum was valued at about \$1,072 per ounce.

Thieves sell the stolen catalytic converters for anywhere between \$300 and \$1,200 depending on the amount of metals in each one, but the cost to the vehicle owner can be thousands of dollars in parts and repair costs, not to mention other expenses such as missed time from work or arranging for alternate transportation.

According to the Los Angeles Police Department, reported thefts of catalytic converters in the City of Los Angeles have increased year after year from 2018 to 2021, with 972 reported thefts in 2018, 1,198 reported thefts in 2019, 3,131 reported thefts in 2020 and 5,880 reported thefts in 2021.

State leaders have recently introduced several pieces of legislation aimed to stem thefts of catalytic converters. They would require the devices to be marked with vehicle identification numbers and would tighten procedures for their sale and increase fines for stealing them. Various Cities across Southern California have also passed local ordinances making it illegal to possess a catalytic converter without proof of ownership. It is important that the City of Los Angeles take all necessary steps to curb the theft of catalytic converters throughout the City.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council request the City Attorney prepare and present a draft ordinance prohibiting the unlawful possession of catalytic converters, similar to those approved by the Cities of Lake Forest, Desert Hot Springs and Mission Viejo, Irvine and others.

PRESENTED BY Monica Robineau for John Lee
JOHN S. LEE
Councilmember, 12th District



SECONDED BY Paul Kekonin
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MOTION

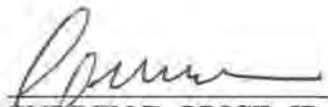
Located at the corner of Avalon Boulevard and 47th Street, Conner Johnson Funeral Home was once a historic mortuary for the Black community in South Los Angeles. During the 1960s, civil rights leader and activist, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Los Angeles attorney Crispus A. Wright attended the chapel's dedication marking the significance of this historic business and location.

Since then, the Mortuary has been converted into the Rejected Stone Christian Fellowship Church, founded by Pastor Walter Kent Davis in 2002. Under Pastor Davis's leadership, the church has also founded additional youth and recreational organizations to provide resources to the surrounding community. Their congregation continues to grow along with the church's presence in the community.

In recognition of this historic site and in honor of the many years of service that Rejected Stone Christian Fellowship Church has provided to the community of South Los Angeles, it is appropriate that the City name the intersection of 47th Street and Avalon Boulevard as "Conner Johnson Funeral Home Square" and erect permanent signage recognizing Rejected Stone Christian Fellowship Church.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection at 47th Street and Avalon Boulevard be named as "**Conner Johnson Funeral Home Square**" and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial signs to this effect at this location and at 4700 S. Avalon Boulevard in recognition of Rejected Stone Christian Fellowship Church.

PRESENTED BY: _____


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

SECONDED BY: _____



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MOTION

On December 8, 2021, the Council authorized the City Administrative Officer to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the development of a Transportation Communication Network (TCN) Program between the City and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), (Council File No. 21-0600-S110).

The MOA has been executed (Contract No. C-139852), which establishes a revenue sharing framework that provides the City with 50 percent of net revenue from outdoor advertising on TCN structures located within the boundaries of the City.

The contract term of the MOA is twenty years, effective January 12, 2022 through January 12, 2042, and its implementation is conditioned upon the City enacting an ordinance that allows off-site advertising to be displayed on the TCN structures through the duration of the MOA, and subject to any design and development standards, including any mitigation measures; and the take-down of static billboards. In addition, per the MOA, Metro is the lead agency for California Environmental Quality Act compliance.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Planning Department, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to prepare and present an ordinance to allow digital off-site signs to be displayed on structures that are part of the Transportation Communication Network Program between the City and Metro (Council File No. 21-0600-S110).

PRESENTED BY:



PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY:



MARQUEECE HARRIS DAWSON
Councilmember, 8th District

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RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the State of California and the City of Los Angeles have a strong record of supporting animal welfare issues; and

WHEREAS, existing California law makes it unlawful for any pet owner to subject an animal to abuse, neglect, or fail to provide proper care and attention; and

WHEREAS, pending before the State Legislature is AB 1881 (Santiago), the "Dog and Cat Bill of Rights," which would provide pets with multiple rights, including, but not limited to:

- The right to freedom from exploitation, cruelty, neglect, and abuse.
- The right to a life of comfort, free of fear, and anxiety.
- The right to daily mental stimulation and appropriate exercise.
- The right to nutritious food, sanitary water, and shelter in an appropriate and safe environment.
- The right to preventive and therapeutic health care.
- The right to spaying and neutering to prevent unwanted litters, the right to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the legislation, if enacted, would require the "Dog and Cat Bill of Rights" be posted and accessible to public view at all public animal control agencies, shelters, rescue groups, societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals shelters, and humane societies shelters; and

WHEREAS, the bill would impose a civil penalty for failure to post the "Dog and Cat Bill of Rights"; and

WHEREAS, this bill would promote the health and wellbeing of and fights against cruelty toward dogs and cats;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-22 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1881 (Santiago), which would implement the "Dog and Cat Bill of Rights."

PRESENTED BY:


BOB BLUMENFIELD

Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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

WHEREAS, forests are important carbon sinks that can help moderate the impacts of climate change by absorbing more carbon from the atmosphere than they release, and, at a global scale, scientists say that trees are linked to increased precipitation and water availability; and

WHEREAS, oak trees are ecologically essential, beautiful, and iconic both for the City and the State, and oak woodlands and forests are necessary to sustain California's unique biodiversity and are vital for many ecosystem services that communities rely on for safety and economic stability, including water quality protection, carbon sequestration, erosion control, and soil retention; and

WHEREAS, as with other wooded areas, oak woodlands provide valuable habitat and connectivity for a wide variety of species and oaks are a "keystone" species, a foundation for natural communities, meaning many other species depend on them, yet they are being lost at an alarming rate to reckless, unfettered development; and

WHEREAS, oak trees, which can live 100 years or more, are also threatened by disease, climate change, and invasive species, and, in fact, California has lost more than one million acres of oak woodlands since 1950; and

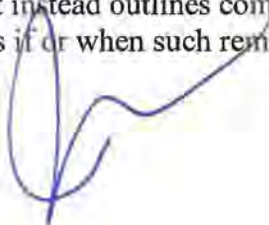
WHEREAS, individual oak tree destruction has resulted in a slow "death by a thousand cuts" of oak woodlands within the City as smaller development projects destroy individual oak trees and portions of oak woodlands piece by piece. While the individual harm of each project may seem small, cumulatively such development projects are slowly eliminating significant portions of California's remaining oak woodlands, particularly in the urban-wildland interface; and

WHEREAS, reduced forest cover has been shown to result in increased runoff, erosion, sedimentation, and water temperatures; changes in channel morphology; decreased soil retention and fertility, and decreased terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity, all of which have negative consequences for the City's future health; and

WHEREAS, despite the critical importance of oak woodlands to California communities and ecosystems, including within the City, state law does not currently provide adequate protection for them; nor does State law currently include a definition of what amount or level of oak woodlands destruction qualifies as a "significant effect" under CEQA, allowing many small and large development projects to move forward without adequate analysis and mitigation of impacts on oak woodlands; and

WHEREAS, State Senator Henry Stern has introduced State Bill 1404 would address the gap in existing law by defining the removal of three or more oak trees within an oak woodland as having a significant impact on the environment under CEQA. The bill does not prohibit the removal of more than three oak trees, but instead outlines common sense mitigation strategies to reduce the impact of the removal of oak trees if or when such removal is proposed as part of a development project;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 1404 (Stern), which would officially recognize oak woodlands as essential habitat areas and propose steps for better oak tree and oak woodland conservation and stewardship.

PRESENTED BY: 
PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY: 

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RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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

WHEREAS, the number of persons experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles and the State of has increased in the past few years; and

WHEREAS, the voters of California have indicated that homelessness and housing are the number one issue that needs to be solved; and

WHEREAS, over the past few years, the State has incrementally provided more one-time general fund dollars every year to address the homelessness crisis, which although significant, does not allow cities and counties to develop strategic solutions; and

WHEREAS, the Little Hoover Commission recommended in 1989 that the State establish a permanent source of funding to address homelessness, though there has been no action on that recommendation to date; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for an ongoing funding stream from the State to ensure that sufficient investment is made to address the housing and homelessness crisis of California, which has only grown exponentially since 1989; and


WHEREAS, Assemblymember Buffy Wicks introduced the Housing Opportunities for Everyone (HOPE) Act (ACA 14), a constitutional amendment establishing a long-term funding stream dedicated to solving the State's housing and homelessness crisis; and

WHEREAS, ACA 14 would institute a three-year funding commitment in the Constitution of California to dedicate five percent of the State's general fund each year to the State's affordable housing and homelessness crisis;

WHEREAS, based on the 2022 State budget revenue of \$200 billion, the State would invest approximately \$10 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, this Constitutional modification would protect existing constitutional budget commitments, including funding for schools and the Rainy Day Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-22 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT for ACA 14 (Wicks), the Housing Opportunities for Everyone Act, which would establish dedicated, long-term funding for solutions to address the housing and homelessness crisis.

PRESENTED BY: 
HERB J. WESSON, Jr.
Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY: 

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