

Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

JOHN FERRARO COUNCIL CHAMBER ROOM 340, CITY HALL 200 NORTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 - 10:00 AM

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

(For further details see Official Council Files)

(For communications referred by the President see Referral Memorandum)

Special Agenda

Roll Call

Members Present: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Absent: Price Jr., Raman (2)

An Opportunity for Public Comment will be Provided for All Items on the Agenda, Regardless of Whether a Public Hearing has been Previously Held

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

(34) **22-1545**

Possible ratification, continuation, and related actions relative to the Mayor's declaration of emergency of December 12, 2022 concerning homelessness in the City, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 8.27.

(The Council shall approve or disapprove the resolution within seven days from the date of the original declaration by the Mayor and at least every 10 regular Council meeting days, but no longer than 30 calendar days, thereafter unless the state of local emergency is terminated sooner)

Adopted Resolution (Krekorian – Price – et al.) Forthwith

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Rodriguez (1)

(35) **21-1083-S1**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS REGULATION (DCR) and CITY ATTORNEY, and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending Sections 104.03 and 104.20 of Article 4 of Chapter X of the Los Angeles Municipal Code regarding commercial cannabis relocations and the aggregation of social equity ownership interests.

A. COMMUNICATION FROM THE DCR

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the proposed amendments as outlined in the DCR report dated December 2, 2022, attached to the Council file.
2. REQUEST the Office of the City Attorney to prepare and present a draft Ordinance to effectuate the proposed amendments as outlined in the DCR report dated December 2, 2022.
3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, with the assistance of the DCR, to make technical corrections as necessary to the proposed amendments included in the DCR report dated December 2, 2022 and/or include additional technical amendments to Article 4, Chapter X of the LAMC to implement the proposed amendments, as well as Mayor and Council intentions.

B. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

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

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated December 7, 2022, to amend Sections 104.03 and 104.20 of Article 4 of Chapter X of the Los Angeles Municipal Code regarding commercial cannabis relocations and the aggregation of social equity ownership interests.

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 Motion (Harris-Dawson – Price) Forthwith

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Rodriguez (1)

Items Called Special

Motions have been Referred and will be Posted on the City Clerk's Website shortly after the Council Meeting

Council Adjournment

Election of Council President - City Clerk Presiding

Election of Council President Pro Tempore - Council President Presiding

ENDING ROLL CALL

Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Absent: Price Jr., Raman (2)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2022, the Mayor issued a Declaration of local Emergency concerning persons experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles ("Declaration"), noting in her Declaration some of the many recent occurrences elevating homelessness into an inescapable emergency in our City; and

WHEREAS, the City has at any given time approximately 40,000 people experiencing homelessness citywide; and

WHEREAS, the murder rate for people experiencing homeless is at the highest recorded levels and increased in just 2021 by 47 percent; and

WHEREAS, the City will face an acute shortage of winter homeless shelters through March 2023, having fewer than half the number of shelter sites and nearly two-thirds fewer shelter beds than in the winter of 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, paramedic calls to address the homeless crisis on our streets and in our other public spaces are recently increasing at alarming rates; and

WHEREAS, occurrences of fires related to homelessness have nearly tripled between 2018 and 2021, averaging 24 fires a day in the first quarter of 2021, constituting a majority of all fires to which the Los Angeles Fire Department responds; and

WHEREAS, the City's eviction moratorium, which helped prevent Angelenos from becoming homeless, will end concurrently with the end of the City's Covid-19 state of local Emergency on February 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the State of California's Covid-19 State of Emergency, which provided resources protecting Angelenos from becoming homeless, will also end in February of 2023; and

WHEREAS, in her Declaration, which she directed shall sunset in six months, the Mayor ordered and declared that during the local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the City's Emergency Operations Organization shall be those prescribed by state law and by ordinances of the City Council;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of Los Angeles RESOLVES that:

1. A local emergency regarding homelessness existed in the City of Los Angeles (City) within the meaning of Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 8.21, et seq., at the time of the Mayor's December 12, 2022, Declaration of Local Emergency, which the City Council hereby ratifies; and

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2. Because the local emergency continues to exist within the City, within the meaning of LAAC Section 8.21, et seq., there is a need to continue the declared state of local emergency, which the City Council hereby ratifies and continues through 30 days from the adoption of this Resolution; and

3. The declaration of the state of local emergency, pursuant to its terms, shall terminate on June 12, 2023, unless the City Council directs otherwise; and

4. In accordance with LAAC section 8.21 et seq., all appropriate City departments, agencies, and personnel are instructed and requested to continue to perform all duties and responsibilities to represent the City in this matter to prevent and abate the emergency and receive, process, and coordinate all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain whatever County, State, and Federal assistance may become available to the City and/or to the citizens of the City who may be affected by the emergency; and

5. The General Manager of the Emergency Management Department is hereby instructed to advise the Mayor and City Council regularly on the need to extend the state of local emergency; and

6. The City Clerk is hereby instructed to forward copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of California, the Director of the Office of Emergency Services of the State of California, the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

PRESENTED BY: Paul Krekorian
PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

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MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of Communications from the Department of Cannabis Regulation and City Attorney, and Ordinance First Consideration, relative to amending Sections 104.03 (application procedure) and 104.20 (social equity program) of the Municipal Code regarding commercial cannabis relocations and the aggregation of social equity ownership interests, **Item 35** (Council File No. 21-1083-S1), on today's Council Agenda, **BE AMENDED** to **APPROVE** the following recommendations:

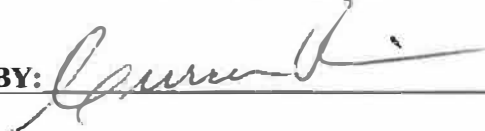
1. **ADOPT** the City Attorney draft ordinance dated December 7, 2022 listed under paragraph*B.
2. **REFER** to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee the Department of Cannabis Regulation report dated December 2, 2022 listed under paragraph A.

PRESENTED BY:



MARQUEECE HARRIS DAWSON
Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY:



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