

Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

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

(For further details see Official Council Files)

(For communications referred by the President see Referral Memorandum)

Roll Call

Members Present: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Absent: de León, Hutt, Price Jr., Rodriguez,(4)

Approval of the Minutes

Commendatory Resolutions, Introductions and Presentations

Multiple Agenda Item Comment

Public Testimony of Non-agenda Items Within Jurisdiction of Council

Items for which Public Hearings Have Been Held

(1) **14-1315-S1
CD 2**

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a lease agreement with Milan Rei VIII, LLC for 8,661 rentable square feet of office space for Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) use located at 6400 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, Suite 610.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Department of General Services to execute a new lease agreement between the City of Los Angeles and Milan Rei VIII for continued use of office space located at 6400 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, Suite 610.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Municipal Facilities Committee reports that there is no General Fund impact as the leasing expenses will be paid directly by the LAHD using monies available within the Rent Stabilization

Trust Fund (Fund No. 440) and Systematic Code Enforcement Fee Fund (Fund No. 41M), which are budgeted for this purpose.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 20, 2023

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 17, 2023)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Price Jr., Rodriguez (3)

(2) **21-0909
CD 14**

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to negotiating and executing a lease agreement with the California Children's Academy for a licensed childcare center located at 233 Breed Street.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Department of General Services to execute a new Lease Agreement between the City and California Children's Academy for a licensed childcare center located at 233 Breed Street. The term of the lease agreement is for five years with no renewal option.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Municipal Facilities Committee reports that there is no General Fund impact as there is no revenue generated from this lease. California Children's Academy is responsible for all improvements, maintenance and repairs to the subject facility.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

TIME LIMIT FILE - FEBRUARY 7, 2023

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - FEBRUARY 7, 2023)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Price Jr., Rodriguez (3)

(3) **21-0042-S5**

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF EXEMPTION from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b)(3) and Article II, Section 1 of the City CEQA Guidelines; HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT, AMENDING MOTION 13A (RAMAN - BLUMENFIELD - MCOSKER), AMENDING MOTION 13B (BLUMENFIELD - MCOSKER - RAMAN), and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to adding Section 165.09 to Article 5, Chapter XVI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to require payment of specified relocation assistance to certain tenants when the tenant elects to relinquish their rental unit due to the inability to pay rent increases as specified.

A. HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION

SUBMITS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION the following recommendations of the City Attorney, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. FIND that the adoption of the Ordinance attached to the City Attorney report (R23-0017) dated January 23, 2023, attached to Council file No. 21-0042-S5, is exempt from the CEQA through Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 1 of the City CEQA Guidelines.

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated January 23, 2023, adding Section 165.09 to Article 5, Chapter XVI of the LAMC to require payment of specified relocation assistance to certain tenants when the tenant elects to relinquish their rental unit due to the inability to pay rent increases as specified.

B. AMENDING MOTION 13A (RAMAN - BLUMENFIELD - MCOSKER)

Recommendation for Council action:

AMEND Section 165.09 A. of the draft ordinance to strike and replace the following language:

"A landlord of residential real property subject to this article shall provide

the relocation assistance specified in this section to a tenant who elects to relinquish their tenancy ~~due to their inability to pay~~ *following* a proposed rental increase that exceeds the lesser of (1) the Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumers, plus five percent, or (2) ten percent."

C. AMENDING MOTION 13B (BLUMENFIELD - MCOSKER - RAMAN)

Recommendation for Council action:

AMEND to ADD the following:

- a. AMEND the draft Ordinance to include a severability clause.
- b. AMEND Section 165.09 A. of the draft Ordinance to clarify that a rent increase that would trigger the displacement provisions should be based on the contracted monthly rent for the unit, excluding any promotional rents or rent discounts.
- c. STRIKE Section 165.09 E. of the draft Ordinance.
- d. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Housing Department to report within 90 days on renter protection policies in other cities within Los Angeles County, as well as to report on how the City's new renter protections may impact housing production.

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

The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), (e)(3) to confer with its legal counsel relative to the threat of litigation (one potential case).

(URGENCY CLAUSE - 12 VOTES REQUIRED ON SECOND READING)

(Continued from Council meeting of January 27, 2023)

Adopted Motion (Raman – Soto-Martinez); Ordinance held over to February 7, 2023 - SEE ATTACHED

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, McOsker, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martinez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: Lee, Park (2); Absent: Rodriguez (1)

Council adopted Motion (Raman - Soto-Martinez), subject to reconsideration, pursuant to Council Rule 51; Ordinance held over to February 7, 2023.

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

(4) **22-1545**

RESOLUTION relative to the Declaration of Local Emergency by the Mayor, dated December 12, 2022, concerning homelessness in the City of Los Angeles, pursuant to the provisions of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 8.27.

Recommendation for Council action:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to:

- a. Resolve that a local emergency continues to persist within the City of Los Angeles, within the meaning of LAAC Section 8.21, et seq., and the continuance of the Mayor's December 12, 2022, Declaration of Local Emergency through 30 days from the adoption of this Resolution is therefore necessary; and, that the state of local emergency, pursuant to its terms, shall terminate on June 12, 2023, unless the City Council directs otherwise.
- b. Direct, in accordance with the LAAC, Section 8.21 et seq., all appropriate City departments, agencies and personnel shall continue to perform all duties and responsibilities to represent the City of Los Angeles in this matter for the purpose of preventing and abating the emergency and for the receipt, processing and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain whatever County, State, and Federal assistance that may become available to the City of Los Angeles and/or to the citizens of the City of Los Angeles who may be affected by the emergency.
- c. Instruct the General Manager, Emergency Management Department, to advise the Mayor and City Council on the need for extension of this Declaration of Local Emergency as may be required.
- d. Instruct the City Clerk to forward copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of California, the Director of the California Office of Emergency Services, the Los Angeles County Office of

Emergency Management, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Adopted Item

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

(5) **21-1189**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY relative to finding in accordance with Assembly Bill (AB) 361 Section 3(e)(1)(B) whether meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees because of the continuing state of emergency related the Covid-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020; and related actions.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3) that, while the state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active and/or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, the City Council has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and finds for City Council, including its advisory Committees, that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.
2. FIND in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3) that, while the state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active and/or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, the City Council has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and finds for all City Brown Act bodies that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

3. INSTRUCT the Clerk to place on the agenda for a Council meeting not more than 30 calendar-days after Council adopts these findings and recommendations an item entitled “Findings to Continue Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to AB 361 and Related Actions” and include these same recommendations for adoption by Council; and, instruct the Clerk to continue to do so on the agenda for a Council meeting not more than 30 calendar-days after each time Council adopts these findings and recommendations, until Council instructs the Clerk to cease doing so.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

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

(6) **07-0005-S360
CD 1**

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the property at 1431 South Malvern Avenue (Case No. 752607), Assessor I.D. No. 5135-008-017, from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated January 5, 2023, attached to the Council file, and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 1431 South Malvern Avenue (Case No. 752607), Assessor I.D. No. 5135-008-017, 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.

(Continued from Council meeting of January 18, 2023)

Adopted Item

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

(7) **23-0005-S22**
CD 1

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the property at 1028 South Beacon Avenue (Case No. 748849), Assessor I.D. No. 5137-016-016, from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated January 12, 2023, attached to the Council file, and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 1028 South Beacon Avenue (Case No. 748849), Assessor I.D. No. 5137-016-016, 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.

(Continued from Council meeting of January 24, 2023)

Adopted Item

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

(8) **10-0005-S620**
CD 13

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the property at 841 North Alexandria Avenue (Case No. 740472), Assessor I.D. No. 5538-006-027, from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated January 23, 2023, attached to the Council file, and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 841 North Alexandria Avenue (Case No. 740472), Assessor I.D. No. 5538-006-027, 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, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Rodriguez (1)

(9) **23-0005-S23
CD 5**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the property at 1442 South Shenandoah Street (Case No. 752726), Assessor I.D. No. 4303-011-011, from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated January 23, 2023, attached to the Council file, and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 1442 South Shenandoah Street (Case No. 752726), Assessor I.D. No. 4303-011-011, 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, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Rodriguez (1)

(10) **23-0005-S24
CD 10**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the property at 2500 South Clyde Avenue (Case No. 752095), Assessor I.D. No. 5048-003-038, from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated January 23, 2023, attached to the Council file, and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 2500 South Clyde Avenue (Case No. 752095), Assessor I.D. No. 5048-003-038, 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, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Rodriguez (1)

(11) **23-0005-S25
CD 13**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the property at 3211 North Andrita Street (Case No. 709295), Assessor I.D. No. 5458-016-024, from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated January 23, 2023, attached to the Council file, and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 3211 North Andrita Street (Case No. 709295), Assessor I.D. No. 5458-016-024, 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, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Rodriguez (1)

(12) **23-0005-S26
CD 14**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the property at 3611 North El Sereno Avenue (Case No. 710166) Assessor I.D. No. 5306-012-003 from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated January 23, 2023, attached to the Council file, and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 3611 North El Sereno Avenue (Case No. 710166), Assessor I.D. No. 5306-012-003, 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, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Rodriguez (1)

(13) **23-0011-S1
CD 5**

MOTION (YAROSLAVSKY - RAMAN) relative to funding for enhanced community beautification services in Council District Five for a period of

one year.

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

1. TRANSFER \$330,000 in the Council District 5 portion of the Street Furniture Revenue Fund No. 430/50 to the Board of Public Works Fund No. 100/74, Account No. 3040 (Contractual Services), and ALLOCATE to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for enhanced community beautification services in Council District Five for a period of one year.
2. AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification to prepare the necessary documents and payments to these organizations, in these amounts, and for the above purposes and, if necessary, amend the existing contracts with these organizations to include the expanded scope of work and increased funding as set forth above.
3. AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Street Services as well as the Department of Public Works Office of Accounting to make any technical corrections or clarification as necessary to the above instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

Adopted Item

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

(14) **23-0084**
CD 5

MOTION (YAROSLAVSKY - PARK) relative to a street banner campaign to promote participation in local government and assist the City of Los Angeles in working together to preserve hillsides and build a better community.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE, in accordance with Los Angeles Municipal Code

Section 62.132, the Street Banner program being coordinated by the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, as a City of Los Angeles Non-Event Street Banner Program for the period of February 2023 to February 2024.

2. APPROVE the content of the street banner design, attached to the Motion.

Adopted Item

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

(15) **20-0040-S1**

MOTION (PRICE - SOTO-MARTÍNEZ) relative to approval of a payment for City services for the 65th Grammy Awards sponsored by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS).

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

APPROVE the negotiated payment of \$110,000 for City services from the NARAS to hold the 2023 Grammy Awards at the Crypto.com Arena.

Adopted Item

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

(16) **23-0095
CD 4**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to the final map of Tract No. 82550 located at 2820, 2822, and 2824 West Rowena Avenue, easterly of West Silverlake Drive.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the final map of Tract No. 82550, located at 2820, 2822, and 2824 West Rowena Avenue, easterly of West Silverlake Drive and accompanying Subdivision Improvement Agreement and Contract with security documents.

(Bond No. C-142540)

Subdivider: 2820 Rowena, Inc.; Surveyor: Mo Sahebi

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the subdivider has paid a fee of \$9,064 for the processing of this final tract map pursuant to Section 19.02(A) (2) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. No additional City funds are needed.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Adopted Item

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 for Posting and Referral

Council Members' Requests for Excuse from Attendance at Council Meetings

Adjourning Motions

Council Adjournment

ENDING ROLL CALL

Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (14) (0)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

ADJOURNING MOTIONS

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
McOsker	All Councilmembers	Luciano Car
Krekorian	All Councilmembers	Peer Ghent

MOTION

On March 27, 2020, the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law. This package included funding for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) program within the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD). HOPWA is one of the four entitlement grants the City receives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for housing and community development projects that primarily benefit low-income persons. HOPWA is the federal program dedicated to addressing the complex housing issues faced by low-income persons living with HIV or AIDS.

HUD awarded the City of Los Angeles \$2,883,240 in the supplemental grant funding known as "HOPWA-CV." Since the award of the funds, LAHD has worked directly with Alliance for Housing and Healing and APLA Health and Wellness providing short term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance, as well as transportation to households in need. These organizations are continuing to serve clients by providing COVID-19 related relief grants as described in the original contract. In view of the financial crisis being experienced by many households, the continuation of these essential resources will help ensure that low-income clients who are living with HIV/AIDS, and who have been affected by COVID-19, have the ability to stay in their homes. The HOPWA-CV funds awarded to the City will expire on September 30, 2023.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), or designee, to execute a contract with Alliance for Housing and Healing for the amount of up to \$2,300,000, commencing on or about February 1, 2023 for a term of 10 months, to extend the Short-term Rental, Mortgage, and Utility program.
2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of LAHD, or designee, to execute a contract with APLA Health and Wellness for the amount of up to \$55,000, commencing on or about February 1, 2023 for a term of 10 months, to reimburse the agency for providing transportation services to eligible HOPWA clients.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council find that the services to be performed by Alliance for Housing and Healing and APLA Health and Wellness are for the performance of professional, scientific, expert, technical, or other special services of a temporary and occasional character for which competitive bidding is not practicable or advantageous and that the work can be performed more economically or feasibly by independent contractors than by City employees in accordance with Charter Section 1022.

PRESENTED BY: 
HUGO SOTO-MARTÍNEZ
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY: 

JAN 31 2023

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**HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS
BUDGET & FINANCE**

MOTION

As the COVID-19 Declared Local Emergency sunsets, the City of Los Angeles passed Just Cause eviction protection, providing tenants living in the over 1 million rental units in the City with significant expansions to renter protections. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, over \$1.6 billion in rental assistance were provided to City of Los Angeles renters through the City's Emergency Rental Assistance Program and the California Housing is Key program. While the rental assistance provided much-needed relief for many households, others did not qualify due to income ineligibility or tenants not having the necessary documents for housing providers to secure payment under the programs.

Coupled with rental assistance, the City has allocated \$27.6 million to Eviction Defense Programs providing funding to a collaboration of legal service providers and community outreach nonprofits overseen by the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, to provide a combination of full representation and services for tenants threatened with eviction. Through the City's Eviction Defense Program, in partnership with the Stay Housed LA, approximately 340,000 City renters have been kept informed, 300 community education events have been hosted, over 3,000 tenants received assistance in navigating rental assistance, and 3,500 City tenants received representation in eviction cases, resulting in 70% of tenants remaining in their homes.

The City of Los Angeles recognizes the importance of preserving housing held by small "mom and pop" housing providers providing special considerations within the Just Cause Ordinance in order to protect properties held by a natural person who owns no more than four dwelling units. First-generation Angelenos and immigrant families often see property ownership as a pathway to grow inter-generational wealth and as an aid in closing the racial wealth gap by disrupting intergenerational cycles of poverty. At the same time, accessing capital and assets is an alternative to the stock market, money markets, and other financial investment mechanisms. Often seen as an investment tool, these families rely on their properties to promote wealth building by acting as a forced saving mechanism.

The City must do more to assist "mom and pop" housing providers who have faced years of financial uncertainty, tremendous debt, and personal hardship with keeping vulnerable tenants housed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. While CF 21-0042-S3 instructs the Los Angeles Housing Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, the Economic and Workforce Development Department and others to report back within 30 days with recommendations for the establishment of a new relief assistance program for "mom and pop" housing providers, the City must act with urgency and commit to establishing a rental debt assistance fund for the small and local housing providers in this City who otherwise may never recover lost rental income, could resort to selling property to corporations, or may lose property to foreclosures for their own unpaid mortgages.


I THEREFORE MOVE for the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), with the assistance of the City Administrative Office (CAO) and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), to establish a minimum \$10 million Small Housing Provider Assistance Program to provide payment directly to housing providers who incurred debt due to rental arrears during the course of the pandemic, and report back on recommendations on the program parameters that provides financial assistance to "mom and pop" housing providers, and including the ability to preserve housing and mitigating the sale of housing to corporations.

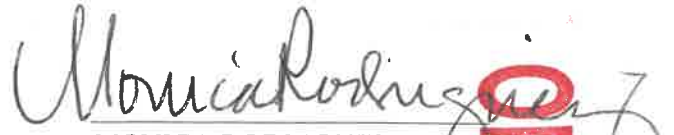
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I FURTHER MOVE to direct CLA and LAHD, with the assistance of the CAO, to identify funding within SB2, Linkage Fee and other federal and state sources of funds for the preservation and/or acquisition of housing at-risk of sale or foreclosure, and for rental debt relief.


PRESENTED BY:


BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District



MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilmember, 7th District

ORIGINAL


TRACI PARK
Councilmember, 11th District


TIM MCOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:


JOHN LEE
Councilmember, 12th District

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 government 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, the California State Constitution gives charter cities like Los Angeles authority over their own municipal affairs and elections, which includes establishing how they will conduct redistricting in their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles voters approved an amendment to the City Charter in 1999 that established an advisory redistricting commission to develop City District boundaries following each decennial Census; and

WHEREAS, the Council has established the Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform, which is tasked with, among other duties, evaluating options for establishing a truly independent redistricting commission, and that analysis is currently underway with full participation of the public; and

WHEREAS, SB 52 (Durazo) was recently introduced and would purport to establish the “City of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission” to adjust the district boundaries for the Los Angeles City Council; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles voters, who intimately understand the diverse and unique nature of the City, deserve to decide the terms of their own redistricting process, and should not have that right overruled by the State legislature.

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 2023-2024 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB 52 (Durazo), which would establish the City of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission to adjust the district boundaries for the Los Angeles City Council.

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

SECONDED BY: Matthew Weaver

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Encompassing over 2,000 acres and nearly eight miles of the Los Angeles River and its tributaries, the Sepulveda Basin is the second largest open space in the City of Los Angeles and serves as a regional asset for the entire San Fernando Valley. Home to multiple City parks, a host of recreational facilities, and Lake Balboa, the Basin is incredibly important to surrounding communities. It is also a biodiversity hotspot with a wildlife reserve and natural sections of the Los Angeles River, providing a critical habitat for many native plants and animals. The Basin is owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and is first and foremost a flood risk management facility. The City leases areas of the basin for City use.

In February of 2022, recognizing the Basin has not been living up to its full potential, the City released a task order solicitation (TOS) seeking proposals for comprehensive master planning and design consulting services for the development of a world-class Vision Plan for the Sepulveda Basin. On November 18, 2022, the Board of Public Works approved the selection of the highest ranked consulting team to execute the services requested in the TOS with an initial Notice to Proceed of \$1,949,654.

A number of environmental and community groups have signed onto a joint resolution¹ urging the City to employ nature-based solutions in the redevelopment of the Sepulveda Basin, focusing on floodplain reclamation, watershed restoration, and revitalizing the ecosystem functions of the river, while at the same time expanding access to the parkland and its amenities for surrounding communities.

In this early stage of the Vision Plan process, the City should affirm the primary objectives of the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan, ensuring that nature-based solutions, large-scale habitat restoration, increased recreational access, and environmental justice remain at the center of this effort.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Bureau of Engineering, with assistance from the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Sanitation's Biodiversity Team, the Department of Transportation, and any other City departments, to update the scope of work (and budget, as needed) for the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan Project as follows:

- Utilize The River Project's Sepulveda Basin Restoration Feasibility Study and Vision Plan (April 2022), the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Revitalization Plan 2020, and the City's Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan 2007 as foundations to shape the development of the Vision Plan;
- Affirm, where possible, that Attachment 5 of Task Order Solicitation (TOS) No. 054 for the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan Project Feasibility/Conceptual Study (Work Order No. E1908913) sets out opportunity area locations and possible projects to be considered in the Vision Plan development process, but that the projects are not binding and that the community will be able to give input on the proposed projects;
- Ensure that the Vision Plan:
 - Evaluates current access, and improves and expands access and mobility to and within Sepulveda Basin and its amenities for immediate surrounding communities and underserved communities;

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¹ Resolution: Supporting the Re-Envisioning of the Sepulveda Basin, available at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dd6yMlzIG-Hm8TyIW1b-ORUx8qDd_6Qe/view?usp=share_link.

- Employs nature-based solutions and principles of fluvial geomorphology to mitigate climate change and restore ecosystem functions to the Los Angeles River and tributaries in the Sepulveda Basin;
- Optimizes floodplain function for ground water recharge to maximize local water supplies and buffer against periods of drought;
- Increases retention capacity to reduce flood risk for downstream and surrounding communities;
- Protects and expands wildlife habitat and biodiversity within the Sepulveda Basin;
- Elevates transit, walking, biking, and other non-private vehicle modes of transportation and proposes methods to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled and private vehicle trips with a clear timeline and benchmarks;
- Proposes strategies to protect the affordability and social fabric of surrounding communities;
- Incorporates indigenous stewardship principles and peoples through inclusive consultation; and
- Prioritizes the aforementioned principles in any preparation or use of the Sepulveda Basin for the 2028 Olympics.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council direct the Bureau of Engineering, with assistance from the Department of Recreation and Parks and any other City departments, as needed, to report back within 30 days with the following:

- The status of the projects and opportunity area locations set out in Attachment 5 of Task Order Solicitation (TOS) No. 054 for the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan Project Feasibility/Conceptual Study (Work Order No. E1908913), including which projects can be relocated or redefined as the Vision Plan is developed;
- Recommendations for the possible inclusion of a topographic survey, a geotechnical soils study, and a groundwater infiltration study in the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan Project Feasibility/Conceptual Study scope of work, including any additional funding required; and
- Report back to the relevant council committees on project activities every quarter.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council direct the Bureau of Engineering, with assistance from the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Sanitation, the Department of Transportation, and any other City departments, as needed, to report back to Council within 30 days on the State, Federal, and private grants, programs, and partnerships that may be available to help plan and fund the redevelopment and ecological restoration of the Sepulveda Basin—including the criteria these grants and programs utilize—to ensure that the City aligns the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan with these funding opportunities.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council direct the Department of Recreation and Parks to report back within 30 days with recommendations for the establishment of a Park Advisory Board for the Sepulveda Basin, similar to the Griffith Park Advisory Board, to provide guidance and stewardship for the Sepulveda Basin.

PRESENTED BY: 
 NITHYA RAMAN
 Councilmember, 4th District


 BOB BLUMENFIELD
 Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY: 

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I HEREBY MOVE, for the matter of the continued consideration of exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b)(3) and Article II, Section 1 of the City CEQA Guidelines; Housing and Homelessness Committee report, Amending Motion 13A (Raman - Blumenfield - McOsker), Amending Motion 13B (Blumenfield - McOsker - Raman), and Ordinance First Consideration relative to adding Section 165.09 to Article 5, Chapter XVI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to require payment of specified relocation assistance to certain tenants when the tenant elects to relinquish their rental unit due to the inability to pay rent increases as specified, Item No. 3 on the Council agenda (Council file No. 1-0042-S5), that Council:

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated January 30, 2023, adding Section 165.09 to Article 5, Chapter XVI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to require payment of specified relocation assistance to certain tenants when the tenant elects to relinquish their rental unit due to inability to pay rent increases as specified.

PRESENTED BY _____
NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY _____
HUGO SOTO-MARTINEZ
Councilmember, 13th District

January 31, 2023

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