

Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding

Friday, February 10, 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, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Absent: Price Jr., Rodriguez (2)

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) **20-1138-S1**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Phase II eCivis Grants Management Program; and accepting the Fiscal Year 2022-23 (FY 2022-23) California Office of Traffic Safety (COTS) grant award for the Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driving Vertical Prosecution Program; and related matters.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to:
 - a. Approve the accompanying grant award contained in the City Administrative Officer report dated December 7, 2022, attached to Council file No. 20-1138-S1, between the City and the COTS.

- b. Execute said grant award on behalf of the City, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
- c. Accept the grant award in the amount of \$969,369 for funding the Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driving Vertical Prosecution Program for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023;

2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:

- a. Establish a receivable within Fund No. 368/12 in the amount of \$969,369.
- b. Establish appropriation Account No. 12W231, Impaired Driving Prosecution, within Fund No. 368/12 in the amount of \$969,369.
- c. Transfer \$446,378 from Fund No. 368/12, Account No. 12W231, Impaired Driving Prosecution, to Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 001010, Salaries General, for FY 2022-23 salary expenses.
- d. Upon receipt of grant reimbursements and approval of expenses, transfer up to \$356,198 from Fund No. 368/12, Account No. 12W231, Impaired Driving Prosecution, to Fund No. 100/12, Revenue Source Code No. 5346, Related Cost Reimbursement – Grants, to reimburse fringe benefits and related costs during the grant period.

3. **INSTRUCT the City Clerk to place on the agenda for the first regular Council meeting on July 1, 2023, or shortly thereafter, the following action relative to the Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driving Vertical Prosecution Program:**

"That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the Controller to transfer \$148,793 from Fund No. 368/12, Account No. 12W231, Impaired Driving Prosecution, to Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 001010, Salaries General." For FY 2023-24

salary expenses.”

4. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that no additional General Fund appropriation is requested at this time. The balance of funds not supported by the grant are included in the City Attorney’s 2022-23 Adopted Budget.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations in this report are in compliance with the City’s Financial Policies in that budgeted appropriations will be balanced against grant receipts.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

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

(2) **22-1423**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to accepting the 2022 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant award for the Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Force – Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD).

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, LAFD, or designee, to accept the 2022 FEMA Cooperative Agreement Grant for the US&R Task Force in the amount of \$1,211,650 for the term of October 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025, and to execute any documents or agreements necessary to accept the grant, subject to the approval by the City Attorney as to form.

2. AUTHORIZE the LAFD to deposit the 2022 FEMA grant funds received under this cooperative agreement into Fund No. 335/38, Account to be determined.

3. AUTHORIZE the Controller, for reimbursement purposes, to transfer 2022 FEMA grant funds from Fund No. 335/38, Account to be determined, to Fund No. 100/38: No. 001010, Salaries General Account; No. 001012, Salaries Sworn Account; No. 001090, Overtime General Account; and, No. 001098, Overtime Variable Staffing Account, upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD for direct staff costs incurred during the grant performance period.

4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer 2022 FEMA grant funds from Fund No. 335/38 to Fund No. 100/38, Revenue Source Code No. 5346, Reimbursement of Grant Related Costs, for fringe benefits upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD for costs incurred during the grant performance period.

5. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer \$440,340 from Fund No. 100/38, Account No. 001012, Salaries Sworn, to Fund No. 335/38, Account to be determined, for the purchase of expense and equipment items, to be reimbursed by the FEMA grant during the period of October 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025, and any extensions granted by FEMA.

6. AUTHORIZE the LAFD and the Controller to transfer funds as needed between Fund No. 335/38 and Fund No. 100/38 for implementation of the 2022 FEMA US&R Cooperative Agreement program through the end of the performance period.

7. AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, LAFD, or designee, to negotiate and execute contracts with the following service providers, each not to exceed \$99,000 for the 2022 FEMA grant performance period:
 - a. Canine Search Specialist (three contracts)

 - b. Medical Team Manager (eight contracts)

- c. Structural Engineering Specialist (eight contracts)
- d. Task Force Leader (five contracts)
- e. Safety Officer (two contracts)
- f. Rescue Manager (two contracts)
- g. Hazardous Material Manager (two contracts)
- h. Plans Manager (two contracts)

8. AUTHORIZE the LAFD to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that approval of the recommendations included in this report will authorize the LAFD to accept the FEMA US&R Cooperative Agreement Grant funding in the amount of \$1,211,650 effective from October 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025. The LAFD will front-fund all costs and will be reimbursed by FEMA upon submission of proper documentation. Matching funds by the City are not required. Funds will support the personnel and overtime costs for three positions: one Fire Captain I, one Management Analyst, and one Storekeeper II; office and equipment expenses; and, agreements for specialized services for the US&R CA-TF1 program. The 2022 FEMA grant budget for personnel will support the direct costs and fringe benefits of the three positions in this report; other indirect costs, including Central Services and Department and Administration costs, estimated at \$213,612, are not covered and must be absorbed. Resolution authority for the three positions is included in the 2022-23 Adopted Budget.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that these actions are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that all grant funds will be utilized to the extent possible, to fund the grant program activities.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

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

(3) **22-1104**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Fiscal Year 2022-23 (FY 2022-23) Alcohol Policing Partnership (APP) grant award.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police, Los Angeles Police Department, or designee, to retroactively apply for and accept the FY 2022-23 APP Program grant, in the amount of \$75,000, from the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, for a one-year term beginning on July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and negotiate and execute any documents or agreements necessary to accept the grant, subject to the approval by the City Attorney as to form.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to establish a grant receivable and appropriate up to \$75,000, to account to be determined, within Fund No. 339/70, for the receipt and disbursement of the FY 2022-23 APP grant funds.
3. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to deposit the FY 2022-23 APP grant funds received under this agreement into Fund No. 339/70, account to be determined.
4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to increase appropriations and transfer, as necessary, the FY 2022-23 APP grant funds, Fund No. 339/70, account to be determined, to Fund No. 100/70, upon submission of proper documentation by the LAPD for sworn salary costs incurred during the grant performance period, as follows:

Account No. 001012; Name: Salaries Sworn; Amount: \$42,464
Account No. 001092; Name: Overtime Sworn; Amount: \$28,268

5. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer funds, for salaries sworn reimbursement purposes, up to \$4,268 for related costs of sworn staff on overtime from the FY 2022-23 APP grant funds, Fund No. 339/70, account to be determined, and deposit into Fund No. 100/70, Revenue Source Code No. 5346 Related Cost Reimbursements from Grants, upon submission of proper documentation by the LAPD.
6. INSTRUCT the LAPD in future grant applications, to prioritize and request sufficient grant reimbursements for Sworn Salaries and eligible related costs associated with the program, in order to fully support resources assigned to Operation Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC).
7. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that approval of the recommendations stated in this report will authorize the LAPD to accept a grant award in the amount of \$75,000 from the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for participation in the FY 2022-23 APP Program. Given that the grant award is not sufficient to capture all salaries and related cost reimbursements, the General Fund will absorb the remaining \$251,196 in salaries for two Police Sergeant IIs, \$222,624 in Fringe Benefits, and an additional \$194,139 associated with Central Services, Department Administration and Support, and CTO rates. It is recommended that the LAPD, in future grant applications include sufficient grant funds to recover eligible direct salaries and related costs reimbursements to reduce the impact to the General Fund. There is no matching requirement associated with this grant award. The recommendations include reprogramming of grant funds for a portion of related costs for sworn overtime (\$4,268), which will be deposited into Revenue Source Code No. 5346, Related Cost Reimbursements from Grants. There is no additional impact on the General Fund.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations provided in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies in that current one-time funding will be utilized for one-time expenditures.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

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

(4) **15-0344-S6**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Official Police Garage (OPG) contract renewal for Keystone Towing, Inc., for Service Area 9.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the Board of Police Commissioners (BPC) report dated January 12, 2023, recommending renewal of the Towing and Storage Agreement for the OPG, for Service Area 9, Keystone Towing, Inc.
2. AUTHORIZE the President, BPC, or designee, to negotiate and execute the renewal agreement with the affected OPG.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the BPC. 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 - MARCH 14, 2023

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 14, 2023)

Adopted Item

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

(5) **22-0396-S1
CD 15**

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the renaming of Grape Street Pocket Park, located at 10726 Grape Street, Los Angeles, California 90059, to Betty F. Day Park, in memory of Betty F. Day and in recognition of her advocacy for the Watts community.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (McOsker – Harris-Dawson):

DIRECT the Department of Recreation and Parks to report on the status of the City Council's request to rename Grape Street Pocket Park located at 10726 Grape Street, Los Angeles, California 90059, to Betty F. Day Park, in memory of Betty F. Day and in recognition of her advocacy for the Watts community.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

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

(6) **22-1561
CD 15**

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the status of the Rosecrans Recreation Center Fence Project.

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

DIRECT the Department of Recreation and Parks to report on the status of the Rosecrans Recreation Center Fence Project, and any necessary

actions to ensure timely completion.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

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

- (7) **22-1563**
CD 15 NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the establishment of a community garden in Harbor City Park.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (McOsker – Lee):
DIRECT the Department of Recreation and Parks to identify space and report with recommendations necessary to establish a community garden in Harbor City Park.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

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

- (8) **14-1756**
CD 6 NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a proposed Fourth Amendment to Lease Agreement No. C-109009 with ONEgeneration (ONE) for the development of a public bikeway and pedestrian path as part of the LA River Way - San Fernando

Valley Completion Project.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the Fourth Amendment to Lease Agreement No. C-109009 with ONE, as detailed in Exhibit A in the November 17, 2022 Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) report, to amend the Lease Premises at Mark Taper Intergenerational Center in order to allow for the development of a public bikeway and pedestrian path as part of the LA River Way - San Fernando Valley Completion Project, and to include a portion of the parking lot area outside of the Premises that was previously not included in ONE's leased area.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board reports that approval of Amendment 4 will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) General Fund as the Department of Public Works will bear all costs associated with this action. The costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed improvements to the area removed from the Lease Premises as part of the LA River Way - San Fernando Valley Completion Project, will be funded by funding sources other than RAP's General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

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

(9) **22-0517
CD 3**

ORDINANCE SECOND CONSIDERATION relative to the name of Linnet Street from Crebs Avenue to Yolanda Avenue being changed and established as Bill Lambert Way.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(Communication from the City Engineer adopted at Council meeting of February 3, 2023)

Adopted Item

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

(10) **19-0898-S2**
CD 8

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (HARRIS-DAWSON) relative to proposed Third Amendment to Contract No. C-134516 with the Destination Crenshaw nonprofit.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

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

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

Adopted Item - SEE ATTACHED

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

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

(11) **23-0002-S18**
CD 9

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION (PRICE - HARRIS-DAWSON) relative to establishing the City's position regarding extending the Proposition 84 grant performance period for Nevin Avenue Elementary Park (CD 9; Project No. SW-19-003) from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

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

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2023-2024 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT for extending the Proposition 84 grant performance period for Nevin Avenue Elementary Park (CD 9; Project No. SW-19-003) from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

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

Adopted Item

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

(12) **23-0002-S19**

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION (RODRIGUEZ – KREKORIAN – SOTO-MARTÍNEZ – PRICE) relative to establishing the City's position regarding legislation and administrative action which would condemn Azerbaijan's illegal and unprovoked attack on Armenian territory, and call for other actions.

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

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2023-2024 Federal Legislative Program, SUPPORT and SPONSORSHIP of any legislation and administrative action which would condemn Azerbaijan's illegal and unprovoked attack on Armenian territory, and call for other actions, as detailed in the text of the Resolution.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

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

**Adopted Item as Amended by Motion (Krekorian - Rodriguez – Soto-Martinez) - SEE
ATTACHED**

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

(13) **23-0002-S25
CD 9**

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION (PRICE – KREKORIAN) relative to establishing the City's position regarding extending the Proposition 84

grant performance period for Slauson-Wall Park (CD 9; Project No. SW-19-001) from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

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

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2023-2024 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT for extending the Proposition 84 grant performance period for Slauson-Wall Park (CD 9; Project No. SW-19-001) from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

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

Adopted Item

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

(14) **23-0047**

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (KREKORIAN – RAMAN - ET AL.) relative to an ordinance to remove all references to gender from the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) and replace those references with the name of the office or title of the position.

Recommendation for Council action:

REQUEST the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance to remove all references to gender from the LAMC and replace those references with the name of the office or title of the position.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

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

Adopted Item

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

(15) **22-0010-S11**

MOTION (RODRIGUEZ - MCOSKER) relative to reaffirming its finding for the reward offer relative to the death of Alexander Aguirre (Council Action of April 12, 2022, Council file No. 22-0010-S11).

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

REINSTATE the reward offer for an additional period of six months from the publication of the renewed offer by the City Clerk and, further, that the sum of \$50,000 shall be aggregate maximum sum of any payment or payments of a City reward in this instance.

Adopted Item

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

(16) **21-1392-S1
CD 14**

MOTION (DE LEON - RODRIGUEZ) relative to funding for Contractual Services for beautification services in Council District 14.

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

1. TRANSFER \$850,000 of the Central Los Angeles Recycling and Transfer Station (CLARTS) Community Amenities Trust Fund No. 47S/14, to the Department of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification, Fund No. 100/74, Account No. 3040, Contractual Services, for beautification services within Council District 14.

*JOURNAL CORRECTION

2. AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works to amend contract C-136595 with Gang Alternatives Program for an amount not to exceed \$850,000 for beautification services within Council District 14.

3. INSTRUCT the Board of Public Works Office of Community Beautification to make any technical changes to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

Adopted Item Forthwith

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

(17) **14-1305-S3
CD 15**

MOTION (MCOSKER - YAROSLAVSKY) relative to a personal services contract with Gianine Rizzi to provide services to the Fifteenth District.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the personal services contract, attached to the Motion, with Gianine Rizzi to provide services to the Fifteenth Council District as set for therein.

2. AUTHORIZE the Councilmember of the Fifteenth District to execute this contract on behalf of the City.

3. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to encumber the necessary funds against the Contractual Services Account of the Council Fund for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and to reflect it as a charge against the budget of the involved Council Office.

Adopted Item

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

(18) **23-0128**
CD 15

MOTION (MCOSKER - YAROSLAVSKY) relative to a personal services contract with Sandra Ciaramitaro to provide services to the Fifteenth District.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the personal services contract, attached to the Motion, with Sandra Ciaramitaro to provide services to the Fifteenth Council District as set for therein.
2. AUTHORIZE the Councilmember of the Fifteenth District to execute this contract on behalf of the City.
3. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to encumber the necessary funds against the Contractual Services Account of the Council Fund for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and to reflect it as a charge against the budget of the involved Council Office.

Adopted Item

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

Items Called Special

Motions for Posting and Referral - SEE ATTACHED

Council Members' Requests for Excuse from Attendance at Council Meetings

Adjourning Motions - SEE ATTACHED

Council Adjournment

ENDING ROLL CALL

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

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
De Leon	All Councilmembers	Joyce M. Albright
Rodriguez	All Councilmembers	Lydia Espinoza
Hernandez	All Councilmembers	Victims of the Turkey/Syria Earthquake
Hutt	All Councilmembers	Owen L. Knox

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed Third Amendment to Contract No. C-134516 with the Destination Crenshaw nonprofit (Destination Crenshaw).

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Harris-Dawson – Hernandez):

1. APPROVE the Third Amendment to Contract No. C-134516 with Destination Crenshaw, as substantially presented in the Motion, attached to the Council File, to develop the following additional project elements:
 - a. 54th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard (5400 Crenshaw Boulevard)- For the construction of a pocket park and a public parking lot with 45 parking spaces and a bioswale serving the pocket park stormwater runoff to be installed on the public parking lot.
 - b. 50th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard (5000 Crenshaw Boulevard)- For the construction of a pocket park and a public parking lot with 25 parking spaces and a bioretention element serving the pocket park stormwater runoff to be installed on the public parking lot, subject to execution of the lease with the property owner.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Engineer and General Manager, Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), to sign the supplemental agreement, attached to the Council File, to effectuate the intent of this Motion.
3. AMEND Contract No. C-134516 to replace Exhibit F with Revised Exhibit F, attached to the Council File.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 8, 2023, your Committee considered a Motion (Harris-Dawson – Hernandez) relative to proposed Third Amendment to Contract No. C-134516 with the Destination Crenshaw. According to the Motion, on November 25, 2019, the City entered into a contract (Contract No. C-134516) with the nonprofit Destination Crenshaw to design and construct the Destination Crenshaw Project. Since that time, Destination Crenshaw has secured two project sites along Crenshaw Boulevard to provide publicly accessible pocket parks with public parking lots. The proposed pocket parks will feature enhanced paved ground surface, landscape, benches, and permanent art installations. Upon project completion, the LADOT will operate the public parking lots to serve the needs of local businesses and restore parking access for the area. After consideration and having

provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion, as amended and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

HUTT:	YES
PARK:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES
RAMAN:	YES
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES

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2/8/23
CD 8

-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-

AMENDING MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of the resolution relative to establishing the City's position regarding legislation and administrative action which would condemn Azerbaijan's illegal and unprovoked attack on Armenian territory, CF 23-0002-S19, item 12 on today's council agenda be amended to include the following instruction:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles includes in its 2023 - 2024 Federal Legislative Program, support and sponsorship of any legislation and administrative action which would result in:

1. Forceful and effective diplomatic action to open the corridor and ensure safe passage between Armenia and Artsakh, in both directions, through the Lachin corridor;
2. Direct US involvement in delivering humanitarian assistance to Artsakh through USAID, and US action to guarantee the safe delivery of such assistance through the International Red Cross, UN World Food Program, and other relief programs;
3. Tangible action against the regime in Azerbaijan to hold it accountable for this illegal blockade.

PRESENTED BY _____
PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilmember, 7th District

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

February 10, 2023

CF 23-0002-S19

MOTION

The General City Purposes (GCP) portion of the 2021-2022 City Budget provides funds for neighborhood service enhancements in each Council District.

There is a great need for additional police services within Council District 12. This effort is of special benefit for the residents of the City and for CD12 and deserves financial assistance from the City. Sufficient funds are available in the Council District 12 portion of the Neighborhood Service Enhancements line item in the GCP portion of the 2021-2022 City Budget for this purpose.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council adopt the following actions:

1. Transfer / appropriate \$84,700 in the Council District 12 portion of the Neighborhood Service Enhancements line item General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56, to the Police Fund No. 100-70, Account No. 1092 (Overtime - Police Officers) to be used for additional police services within Devonshire Division, Council District 12.
2. Authorize the Police Department 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 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



JOHN S. LEE

Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY



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MOTION

The Sunshine Canyon Community Amenities Trust Fund provides funds for financing community amenities within the City of Los Angeles, within five miles of the Sunshine Canyon landfill.


Granada Hills Charter High School is committed to creating an environment where the students achieve their highest academic and social potential. The organization is seeking to improve its programs and in need of funding.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council RESOLVE that \$30,000 in the Sunshine Canyon Community Amenities Trust Fund No. 699-14 be allocated to assist Granada Hills Charter High school Music Program, Robodox program, and Baseball Team to obtain much needed equipment.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to prepare and process the necessary document(s) with, and/or payment(s) to Granada Hills Charter Excellence Fund, or any other agency or organization, as appropriate, in the above amount, from the above source, and for the above purpose, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, if needed; and that, if needed, the Council member of the Twelfth District be authorized to execute any such documents on behalf of the City.

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

PRESENTED BY



JOHN S. LEE

Councilmember, 12th District

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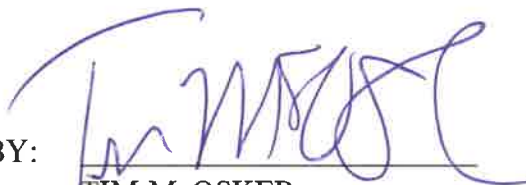
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#53

M O T I O N

I MOVE that \$400 be transferred / appropriated from the Council's portion of the Heritage Month Celebrations & Special Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 to the General Services Fund No.100-40, Account No. 1070 (Salaries-As Needed), for services in connection with the Council District 15 special observation of St. Patrick's Day on March 17, 2023, at City Hall, including the illumination of City Hall.

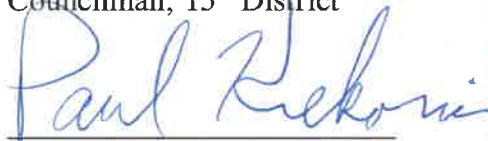
PRESENTED BY:



TIM McOSKER

Councilman, 15th District

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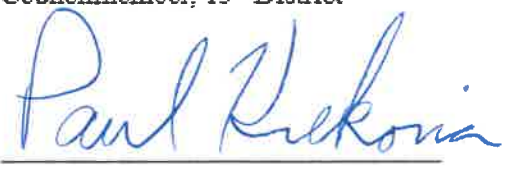
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MOTION

I MOVE that \$400 be transferred / appropriated from the Council's portion of the Heritage Month Celebrations & Special Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 to the General Services Fund No. 100-40, Account No. 1070 (Salaries-As Needed) for the Council District 13 special observation at City Hall on February 24, 2023, of the anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine, including the illumination of City Hall.

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

SECONDED BY: 

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MOTION

I MOVE that \$400 be transferred/appropriated from the Mayor's portion of the Heritage Celebration & Special Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No.100-56 to the General Service Fund No.100-40, Account No. 1070 (Salaries-As Needed) for services in connection with the Mayor's special recognition on February 7, 2023, at City Hall, for LeBron James, Los Angeles Laker, breaking the All-Time NBA Point Leader record, including the illumination of City Hall.



PRESENTED BY: _____

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, 8th District



SECONDED BY: _____

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TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED #56

M O T I O N

I MOVE that the Council Actions of December 8, 2021 and February 16, 2022 relative to requesting the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to “execute a new or amend an existing sole source subcontract with The People Concern for an amount of \$1,222,569 for the term of October 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 (extended to December 30, 2022), to implement the Council District 4 Encampment to Home Program” (CF 21-1041), BE AMENDED to transfer / appropriate an additional amount of \$271,387 from the “Additional Homeless Services” line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000903 to the account established for this purpose in the Housing Fund No. 10A-43, in order to cover the cost of services provided during the period October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, with all other aspects, instructions and authorizations of the Council Actions to remain unchanged.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Housing Department be instructed and authorized to prepare, process and execute any document(s) needed for the above purpose and to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections / clarifications / changes may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

PRESENTED BY: Nithya Ramana
NITHYA RAMAN
Councilwoman, 4th District

SECONDED BY: Katherine Gaudesky

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MOTION


In 2015 and 2016, the City adopted Ordinances No. 183893 (Council File No. 14-1697-S1) and No. 184081 (Council File No. 14-1697-S2), which require the retrofit of pre-1978 wood-frame soft-story buildings and non-ductile concrete buildings by the most economical and feasible methods. The goal of this mandatory retrofit program is to reduce structural deficiencies and improve the performance of these buildings during earthquakes. Without proper strengthening, these vulnerable buildings may be subjected to structural failure during and/or after an earthquake resulting in injury and death.

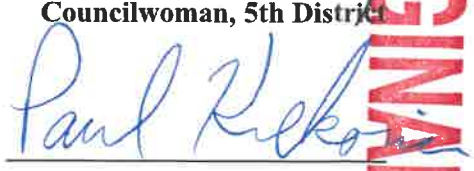
On February 6, 2023 a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck in Turkey's southeastern province of Kahramanmaraş. Within days the death toll across impacted areas of Turkey, Syria, and other adjacent countries surpassed 20,000 and is expected to continue to grow as search and rescue efforts continue. The loss of life is tragic and nearly incomprehensible; the physical damage has also been catastrophic. The Los Angeles County Fire Department has sent 81 personnel, six K9 teams, and three structural engineers to help with search and rescue and other post-earthquake efforts on the ground, along with other teams from the United States. Earthquakes of a similar magnitude are a part of the geological record in Southern California and are expected to be seen in the future according to the United States Geological Survey.

Due to the significant risk of injury or death in the event of an earthquake, the Council has a vested interest in knowing the progress of the City's seismic retrofit programs. While the Department of Building and Safety posts regular updates on the numbers of soft-story retrofits, additional details would help guide policy makers and provide information for the public.

The most recent Department of Building and Safety progress report on the seismic retrofit programs was prepared on July 17, 2018 (Council File No. 14-1697-S4); inasmuch as nearly five years have passed since that date, and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic may have impacted enforcement and compliance measures, a status update is of the essence.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Building and Safety to prepare a report within 60 days with recommendations that provides an update to its 2018 progress report, *Update on the Progress of the Mandatory Soft-Story and Non-Ductile Concrete Retrofit Programs* (Council File No. 14-1697-S4), relative to the implementation of and compliance with the City's seismic retrofit programs.

PRESENTED BY: 
KATY YAROSLAVSKY
Councilwoman, 5th District

SECONDED BY: 

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MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of the resolution relative to establishing the City's position regarding legislation and administrative action which would condemn Azerbaijan's illegal and unprovoked attack on Armenian territory, CF 23-0002-S19, item 12 on today's council agenda be amended to include the following instruction:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles includes in its 2023 - 2024 Federal Legislative Program, support and sponsorship of any legislation and administrative action which would result in:

1. Forceful and effective diplomatic action to open the corridor and ensure safe passage between Armenia and Artsakh, in both directions, through the Lachin corridor;
2. Direct US involvement in delivering humanitarian assistance to Artsakh through USAID, and US action to guarantee the safe delivery of such assistance through the International Red Cross, UN World Food Program, and other relief programs;
3. Tangible action against the regime in Azerbaijan to hold it accountable for this illegal blockade.

Presented: 

PRESENTED BY:



PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY:



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RESOLUTION

Whereas, Eyvin Hernandez was captured by armed and masked men in the vicinity of the Colombia-Venezuelan border on March 31, 2022, after he was not able to pay a \$100 bribe the armed men requested, and after his kidnappers learned of his U.S. citizenship and accused him of being a spy;

Whereas, Mr. Hernandez' kidnappers covered his head with a black hood, put him in the back of a pickup truck, transported him across multiple locations, and eventually transferred him over to the Venezuelan government;

Whereas, Mr. Hernandez is currently being held in a maximum security prison, the General Directorate of Military Counterintelligence in Caracas, Venezuela, where other U.S. nationals and Venezuelan political prisoners are imprisoned;

Whereas, the Venezuelan government has charged Mr. Hernandez with criminal association and conspiracy, which could result in up to 16 years in prison;

Whereas the United Nations' Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights states that the judiciary system in Venezuela lacks independence, that justice and safeguarding of individual rights are jeopardized, and serious human rights violations against opponents of the government have gone unchecked;

Whereas, the United States Department of State, on October 21, 2022, designated Mr. Hernandez as wrongfully detained, and the Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs has been assigned Mr. Hernandez's case;

Whereas, Mr. Hernandez has worked for the Los Angeles County Public Defender's office since 2006 representing the most vulnerable people in the county who are homeless, and living with mental health and substance abuse issues;

Whereas, Mr. Hernandez is an active member of the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Union – Local 148, where he previously served on the board of directors;

Whereas, Mr. Hernandez has volunteered his time to advocate for children in the juvenile justice system, was a mentor for the UCLA Law Fellows Program to encourage students from diverse backgrounds to apply to and attend law school, and was a mentor for the Latina Lawyer Bar Association;

Whereas, Mr. Hernandez attended El Camino College, UCLA, and the UCLA School of Law where he was associate editor for the Chicana-Latina Law Review;

Whereas, Mr. Hernandez's family immigrated to the United States when he was a toddler, fleeing the civil war and seeking a better life;

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Whereas, Mr. Hernandez is a man of impeccable character, loved and admired by many who know him for his deep devotion to justice, respect for humanity, willingness to help others, patience, kindness and intellect;

Whereas, Mr. Hernandez has always made himself available to help others whether they be family, friends, friends of friends, and absolute strangers, and the imprints that Mr. Hernandez has made on the Los Angeles community and state are many and deeply impactful; and

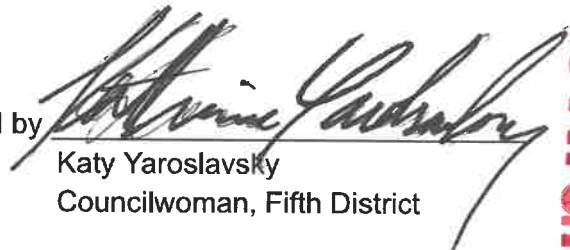
Whereas, Mr. Hernandez is a dearly loved son, brother, uncle, friend, colleague, and Angeleno.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Los Angeles City Council stands in solidarity with Eyvin Hernandez, his friends and family, the Los Angeles community, and the State of California in advocating for his immediate release;

Be It Further Resolved that the Los Angeles City Council calls on President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, National Security Advisor Jacob Sullivan, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, and Special Envoy for Hostage Affairs Roger Carstens, to act with urgency and negotiate for Mr. Hernandez's release, and protect his well-being; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Los Angeles City Council calls on the entire California congressional delegation to work toward his release and to speak up for Mr. Hernandez as appropriate.

Introduced by



Katy Yaroslavsky
Councilwoman, Fifth District

Seconded by



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MOTION

Lead-based paints were used in residential homes until 1978, making any homes built before 1979 likely to have lead-based paint in the interior. According to the 2018 American Community Survey, there are 1,123,726 units built before 1979 in the City of Los Angeles that likely have lead-based paint. This equates to 75 percent of the total housing stock. When the paint peels and cracks, it makes lead paint chips and dust, which are easily ingested by children. Exposure to lead can seriously harm a child’s health, including damage to the brain and nervous system, slowed growth, learning and behavioral problems, as well as hearing and speech problems. Children under age six are the most severely affected by lead.

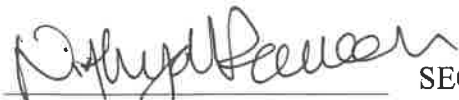
For over 20 years, the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) has abated lead-based paint hazards from low-income households, remediating a total of 2,357 units through the Lead Hazard Remediation Program. LAHD is currently implementing the 12th round of HUD funding for the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program (LHRP).

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HUD-Office of Lead Hazard Control Healthy & Homes released the Funding Opportunity NOFO Number, FR-6600-N-13 on January 13, 2023, CFDA number 14.905 Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program- Update and Reissue, with the deadline to apply of March 13, 2023.

LAHD plans to apply for a maximum award of up to \$8 million for the Lead Hazard Remediation Program (LHRP). The award will be used to remediate lead hazards in housing units occupied by low-income tenants and owners. LHRP will prioritize households with children under the age of six years who either live on the property or visit frequently.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council AUTHORIZE the General Manager of LAHD, or designee, to apply for, accept, and execute a new grant agreement with HUD, including all certifications and other required documents.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT LAHD report back upon notice of the award to present the grant agreement and provide details on program design, staffing needs, Controller’s instructions, and other relevant information for review and approval.

PRESENTED BY: 
NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY: 

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Closed captioning displays the audio portion of a television program as text on the screen, providing a critical link to news, vital information, and entertainment for individuals with hearing impairments, which affects about 15 percent of U.S. adults. Captions can also assist in making audio more understandable to a broad range of people, including English language learners (ELL). Since 2006, Congress has required video programming distributors, such as cable operators, broadcasters, satellite distributors, and other multi-channel video programming distributors, to provide closed captioning for their television programs to ensure that viewers who are deaf and/or have low hearing have full access to programming.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, television programming played a critical role in conveying information from public health experts and government officials to the public. This new necessity of watching the television to receive critical public health information and guidance highlighted a striking inequity that exists in communication access for individuals with disabilities, who often have limited access to audible television content when they are in public places, in addition to ELL individuals.

The lack of communication access to audio content on televisions in public places has always existed as a barrier for certain individuals. Since 2008, Washington state and a number of cities including San Francisco, Portland, Ann Arbor, Rochester, and Boston have established ordinances to require businesses to activate closed captioning on all televisions in public spaces, making communication more accessible to people with hearing loss and ELL individuals. Visible captions could also increase access to information for the general public, as televisions are generally located in crowded and noisy commercial spaces where individuals may have difficulty hearing.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council instruct the Department on Disability, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report on the feasibility of drafting an ordinance to require businesses in the City to activate closed captioning on all of their televisions in public spaces, which will make communication more accessible to individuals with disabilities and English language learners.

PRESENTED BY: 
TRACI PARK
Councilmember, 11th District

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MOTION


On July 1, 2012, the Office of Public Safety (OPS) merged with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and Security Services Division (SECSO). SECSO is responsible for the safety and security of city buildings, facilities, parks, shops, yards and warehouses, the Los Angeles Civic Center, the Los Angeles Zoo, Public Works Bureau of Sanitation Water Treatment Facilities, and all non-proprietary city facilities, their employees and visitors.

SECSO consists of three major components: the police officer component; the security officer component; and, the contract security guard component. The security officer component is comprised of security officers who are civilian, unarmed, and city employees. These full-time and "as-needed" (part and half-time) unarmed security officers are fixed to post positions at various city facilities and rely on the police component to respond to any issues deemed law enforcement-related.

The Park Gate Closure Program is a special detail under SECSO that opens and closes city parks. It is a preventative measure for community safety, specifically for parks that have regulated closing and opening hours. LAPD has the ability to hire for full-time and part-time staffing for the Park Gate Closure Program. Currently, there are 7 as-needed security officers (both part and half-time) and 2 full-time security officers under the Park Gate Closure Program. To date, the department has 32 full-time security officer vacancies.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Personnel Department and LAPD report back to the Personnel, Audits & Hiring Committee with an overview of the hiring process related to the Park Gate Closure Program under the SECSO. This report should include any barriers to hiring, recommendations to expedite hiring, and potential alternatives to park closure in lieu of deploying security officers.

PRESENTED BY: 
TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: 

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MOTION

For years, the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) has been designing and implementing new programs and initiatives designed to reduce the environmental impacts of operations at the Port. Establishing green shipping corridors with international trading partners is one such initiative that POLA is working to implement. POLA, alongside the Port of Long Beach, has agreed to establish green shipping corridors with the Port of Shanghai and the Port of Singapore, two of the busiest container ports in the world.

Green shipping corridors are designed to promote global collaboration, including testing, development and deployment of technologies within specified shipping routes to expedite the decarbonization of the global supply chain. The trading routes between the Port of Los Angeles and the Ports of Shanghai and Singapore are some of the busiest in the world, and the success of the green shipping corridors along these routes could help accelerate development for additional green shipping corridors throughout the world.

It is in the public's interest to receive updates on the status of the green shipping corridor framework, and that POLA is provided with an opportunity to share how it will monitor and share the successes of the green shipping corridors.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the POLA to report with any updates to the green shipping corridors framework, including a discussion of success metrics associated with the green shipping corridors.

PRESENTED BY: 
TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: 

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Los Angeles resident Eyvin Hernandez is a beloved son, brother, uncle, colleague, friend, and a dedicated Los Angeles County Public Defender advocating for the rights of the most vulnerable Angelenos; and

WHEREAS, Hernandez has served as a mentor for new Public Defenders and a volunteer advocating for children in the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2022, Hernandez went on what was supposed to be a two week vacation to Colombia; and

WHEREAS, while in Cucuta, a city on the border of Colombia and Venezuela, Hernandez was wrongfully accused of being an American spy, leading to his kidnapping and detainment in a maximum security military prison run by Dirección General de Contrainteligencia Militar (DGCIM), in Caracas, Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, the official charges levied against Hernandez - criminal association and conspiracy - could carry a 16 year prison sentence if Hernandez is found guilty; and

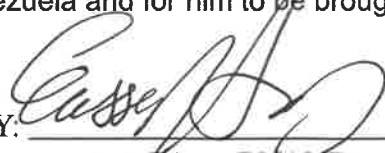
WHEREAS, hearings for Hernandez's case have already been postponed multiple times; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. State Department have made a determination that Hernandez has been wrongfully detained; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2022 Mayor Karen Bass and several congressional representatives sent a letter to President Joe Biden calling on his administration to free Hernandez; and

WHEREAS, Hernandez has given his life to helping others navigate our criminal justice system and deserves to have the same care and service provided to him as he faces this wrongful detention;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by adoption of this Resolution, the Council of the City of Los Angeles calls upon the U.S. State Department and any other relevant Federal agencies to take any actions necessary for Eyvin Hernandez's expedient release from Dirección General de Contrainteligencia Militar (DGCIM) in Venezuela and for him to be brought home safely to Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY: 
EUNISSES HERNANDEZ
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY: 

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MOTION

In 2021, as part of the American Rescue Plan, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) distributed 70,000 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) to housing agencies across the country. 3,365 of those vouchers were awarded to the City of Los Angeles. More recently, HUD awarded an additional \$60 million in funding to the Los Angeles Continuum of Care, mostly in the form of new vouchers for people experiencing homelessness.

The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), a State-chartered public agency, is responsible for the distribution of those vouchers, along with all other vouchers provided under federal programs such as Section 8.

Throughout the Emergency Housing Voucher program and in years prior, service providers and public agencies working to house people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles have raised serious concerns about HACLA's administration of vouchers, pointing to slow approval timelines and inefficient processes for matching individuals with vouchers to apartment units. In July of 2022, the *Los Angeles Times* reported that only 196 – less than 6% – of the 3,365 vouchers awarded to the City had been used to move people into permanent housing units.

Issues with leasing vouchers to apartments precede the Emergency Housing Voucher program. Last year, the *L.A. Times* reported that HACLA had returned \$82 million in federal grants allocated between 2015 and 2020 back to HUD – the majority of the \$150 million returned by LA County's three main housing agencies for people experiencing homelessness. The obligation to return these funds resulted largely from the underutilization of federal voucher resources.

One of the factors contributing to HACLA's low voucher utilization rate is a reluctance to match multiple clients to each voucher. The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), the voucher distributing agency for L.A. County, matches two clients to each of its vouchers because roughly 40% of initial voucher matches do not result in a lease of an apartment. As a result, if a voucher does not ultimately lead to a "lease-up" for one client, it can be quickly used instead by the other client to whom it was issued. Because HACLA only matches vouchers to a single client, a failure to lease-up necessitates starting over from scratch with another client, which often means the loss of a fully negotiated unit and weeks or months of waiting time to make a new voucher-client match.

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has recommended other changes in HACLA policy to replicate LACDA best practices, including increased flexibility in negotiating fair rental agreements with landlords and completing those negotiations prior to unit inspection rather than after. More broadly, LAHSA has recommended that to reduce delays, the document review, negotiation, and unit inspection processes required to lease-up a voucher-holder should take place concurrently rather than sequentially.



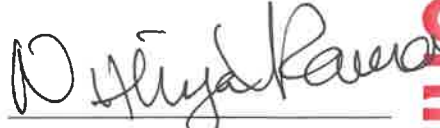
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Difficulties and delays in matching voucher-holders to apartments are some of the most significant obstacles in the process of navigating a person experiencing homelessness off the street and into safe, permanent housing. If the City of Los Angeles is ever to end its homelessness crisis, and if new programs for bringing more people indoors such as Inside Safe are to achieve success, we must swiftly and definitively address the inefficiencies in the voucher allocation and leasing process.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), with the assistance of the Los Angeles Homelessness Services Authority (LAHSA) and any City departments, as needed, to report back within 30 days with a plan to address the factors within its control that cause the most significant delays in moving voucher-holders into permanent housing units. The report should specify the ways in which HACLA will adjust its internal processes and procedures to achieve improvements in the rate of voucher utilization and the speed with which voucher placements are made, including, but not limited to:

- Matching multiple clients, instead of only one, to each voucher;
- Processing and prioritizing the hundreds of voucher applications of clients who are awaiting EHVs but who are currently housed by service providers using time-limited subsidy funds;
- Consolidating voucher-holder document review, rent negotiation, and unit inspection into one concurrent process rather than three sequenced processes;
- Allowing for greater flexibility on rent comps to expedite the rent negotiation process;
- Participating regularly in LAHSA's project-based Permanent Supportive Housing lease up meetings as a means of solving voucher process issues in a coordinated way, modeled on the Brynhurst pilot; and
- Reporting to the Housing and Homelessness Committee on a regular basis until improvements are implemented and yielding results.

PRESENTED BY:



NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



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