Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding Friday, March 17, 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, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Price Jr., Raman (4)

Approval of the Minutes

Commendatory Resolutions, Introductions and Presentations - SEE ATTACHED

Multiple Agenda Item Comment

Public Testimony of Non-agenda Items Within Jurisdiction of Council

Items for which Public Hearings Have Been Held

(1) **15-0550-S2**

PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND HIRING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to employee development and training programs in the City during Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Recommendation for Council action:

RECEIVE and FILE the January 31, 2023 and February 24, 2023 Personnel Department reports, inasmuch as these reports are for information only and no Council action is required.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Price Jr., Raman (4)

(2) **21-0600-S34**

PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND HIRING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the creation of a new Wage Investigator classification to ensure staffing stability in investigating wage and labor compliance cases.

Recommendation for Council action:

INSTRUCT the Personnel Department, with the assistance of the Bureau of Contract Administration, report on the need to create a new Wage Investigator classification to ensure staffing stability in investigating wage and labor compliance cases.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Price Jr., Raman (4)

(3) **22-1411**

PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND HIRING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to modernizing NotifyLA.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the November 10, 2022 Controller report relative to modernizing the NotifyLA, System, inasmuch as this report is for information only and no Council action is required.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

<u>Community Impact Statement:</u> None submitted.

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Price Jr., Raman (4)

(4) **23-0150**

CIVIL RIGHTS, EQUITY, IMMIGRATION, AGING AND DISABILITY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to Department of Aging (LADOA) report relative to transferring General City Purpose (GCP) funds to support social services for seniors.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LADOA, or designee, to transfer \$96,547 in GCP funding to support social services for seniors.

2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:

a. Transfer appropriations within the Area Plan for the Aging Title III, Fund No. 395, as follows:

	<u>Fund</u>	Account	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From	า: 395	02WQ01	Social Services for Seniors	\$96,547
To:	395	02W102	Aging	\$96,547

b. Increase the appropriations within Fund No. 100/02 and transfer funds as follows:

	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From	n: 395	02W102	: Aging	\$96,547
То:	100/0	2 001010	Salaries – General	\$96,547

- c. Expend funds upon proper demand of the General Manager, LADOA, or designee.
- 3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LADOA, or designee, to prepare Controller's instructions and any necessary technical adjustments that are consistent with the Mayor and Council actions on this matter, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> The LADOA reports that the action involves GCP funds awarded through the City's Budget process. There is no additional impact to the City General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Price Jr., Raman (4)

(5) **22-1025-S1**

CIVIL RIGHTS, EQUITY, IMMIGRATION, AGING AND DISABILITY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to accepting Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-ED) and CalFresh Healthy Living and CalFresh Expansion Grant Funds from the California Department of Aging (CDA); executing the standard agreement with the CDA, agreements and amendments to agreements with agencies providing SNAP-ED and CalFresh expansion services.

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

 AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Department of Aging (LADOA), or designee, to accept the CDA SNAP-Ed and CalFresh grant funds; to execute Standard Agreement No. CF-2223-25 and any unilateral amendments to the subgrant agreement, subject to review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, and in compliance with Los Angeles Administrative Code Section No. 14.8 et seq. (City grant regulations); and, AUTHORIZE the Cal Fresh 2223-25 Budget.

- 2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LADOA, or designee, to negotiate and execute agreements and amendments with Consulting Nutritional Services to provide SNAP-ED nutrition education through Cal Fresh for federal Fiscal Years 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25 for \$239,614 each year.
- 3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LADOA, or designee, to negotiate and execute agreements and amendments to agreements with public, private, nonprofit, and/or governmental entities to provide nutrition education through CalFresh for federal Fiscal Years 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25 as indicated in the Table I contained in the LADOA report dated February 15, 2023, attached to the Council file.

4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:

a. Establish new accounts and appropriate \$268,917 within the Fund No. 57E, titled Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Prog-Education, for the period from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 as follows:

Account <u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
02W102 Aging	\$26,892
02W98M CalFresh Expansion	<u>242,025</u>

Total: \$268,917

b. Increase appropriations within Fund No. 100/02 and transfer funds on an as needed basis as follows:

<u>Fund/De</u> p	<u>Amount</u>	
From: 57E/02	02W102 Aging	\$26,892

To:	100/02	001010 Salaries-	\$26,892
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c. Establish new accounts and appropriate \$268,917 within the Fund No 57E, titled Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Prog-Education, for the period from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 as follows:

Account Title	<u>Amount</u>
02Y102 Aging	\$26,892
02Y98M CalFresh Expansion	242,025

Total: \$268,917

d. Increase appropriations within Fund No. 100/02 and transfer funds on an as needed basis as follows:

Fund/Dept Account Title			<u>Amount</u>
Fron	n: 57E/02	02Y102 Aging	\$26,892
То:	100/02	001010 Salaries- General	\$26,892

e. Establish new accounts and appropriate \$268,917 within the Fund No. 57E, titled Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Prog-Education, for the period from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025 as follows:

Account <u>Title</u>		<u>Amount</u>
02A102 Aging		\$26,892
02A98M CalFresh Expansion		242,025
	Total:	\$268,917

f. Increase appropriations within Fund No. 100/02 and transfer funds on an as needed basis as follows:

Fund/Dept Account Title		<u>Amount</u>
From: 57E/02	02A102 Aging	\$26,892
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To: 100/02 001010 Salaries- \$26,892

g. Establish new account and appropriate \$239,614 for the SNAP-Ed program within the Fund No. 57E, titled Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Prog-Education, for the period from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 as follows:

h. Establish new account and appropriate \$239,614 for the SNAP-Ed program within the Fund No. 57E, titled Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Prog-Education, for the period from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025 as follows:

- Expend funds upon proper demand of the General Manager, LADOA, or designee.
- 5. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LADOA, or designee, to prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> The LADOA reports that the proposed action involves the allocation of the SNAP-Ed and CalFresh Expansion grant programs funded by the CDA. There is no additional impact to the City General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Price Jr., Raman (4)

(6) **22-1562 CD 11**

CIVIL RIGHTS, EQUITY, IMMIGRATION, AGING AND DISABILITY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the operational status of the Westchester Senior Center, including an overview of their current operational capacity and the resources needed to further activate the space for the senior community.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Park - Lee):

REQUEST the Department of Recreation and Parks to report on the operational status of the Westchester Senior Center, including an overview of their current operational capacity and the resources needed to further activate the space for the senior community.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Price Jr., Raman (4)

(7) **23-0152**

CIVIL RIGHTS, EQUITY, IMMIGRATION, AGING AND DISABILITY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to requiring businesses to activate closed captioning on televisions in public spaces to make communication more accessible to individuals with disabilities and English language learners.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Park - Soto-Martinez):

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.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Price Jr., Raman (4)

(8) **23-0083**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS relative to three proposed agreements with Meg, Mettle and Moxie, Inc., Prodromos Mike Begakis dba Monterey Concessions, and Edward Walter Sunsseri, Jr. dba Sunseri's, for the operation and maintenance of bar and beverage service concessions at the Department of Recreation and Parks' special event venues.

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

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 21, 2023

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 21, 2023)

Adopted Neighborhood and Community Enrichment Committee Report - SEE ATTACHED

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Price Jr., Raman (4)

(9) **23-0250 CD 15**

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to preparation of a parking study of the Downtown San Pedro area.

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

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Department of City Planning, to prepare a parking study of Downtown San Pedro that assesses the area's parking needs, including an inventory of existing parking, an evaluation of current and future parking needs, recommendations for improving parking management, such as the implementation of diagonal street parking and other creative solutions.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Price Jr., Raman (4)

(10) **23-0204**

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the installation of speed tables on City streets.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Raman –

Blumenfield - Hutt):

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to:

- a. Report in 90 days, with an evaluation of previously installed pilot speed table locations, including staffing resources expended, capital expenditures, and effectiveness.
- b. Report within 120 days, on the creation of an annual speed safety program for arterial and non-residential local and collector street speed mitigation to include:
 - i. Proposed program criteria
 - ii. Scale
 - iii. Treatments
 - iv. Community engagement
 - v. Evaluation metrics
 - vi. Any necessary staff resources and funding needed to implement the program.

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

<u>Community Impact Statement:</u> None submitted.

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Price Jr., Raman (4)

(11) **21-0112-S1**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER and THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT and RESOLUTIONS relative to recommendations for the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development Homekey Program Round 2; and related matters.

(Housing and Homelessness 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 <u>www.lacouncilfile.com</u> for background documents.)

<u>Community Impact Statement:</u> None submitted

Adopted Housing and Homelessness Committee Report - SEE ATTACHED Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Price Jr., Raman (4)

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

(12) **23-0277 CD 4**

MOTION (RAMAN - PRICE) relative to funding for services in connection with the Council District 4 special observance of Nowruz at City Hall on March 19, 20, and 21, 2023, including the illumination of City Hall.

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

APPROPRIATE \$400 from the Unappropriated Balance Fund No. 100/58 to the General Services Fund No. 100/40, Account No. 1070 (Salaries - As Needed), for services in connection with the Council District 4 special observance of Nowruz at City Hall on March 19, 20, and 21, 2023, including the illumination of City Hall – said funds to be reimbursed to the General Fund by the Iranian American Women Foundation.

Adopted Item

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

Krekorian, Raman (3)

(13) **23-0279 CD 4**

MOTION (RAMAN - PRICE) relative to funding for services in connection with the Council District 4 special observance of Ramadan at City Hall on March 22 - 28, 2023 and April 19 - 21, 2023, including the illumination of City Hall.

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

APPROPRIATE \$400 from the Unappropriated Balance Fund No. 100/58 to the General Services Fund No. 100/40, Account No. 1070 (Salaries - As Needed), for services in connection with the Council District 4 special observance of Ramadan at City Hall on March 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 and April 19, 20, and 21, 2023, including the illumination of City Hall - said funds to be reimbursed to the General Fund by the Muslim Public Affairs Council.

Adopted Item

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

(14) **23-0275 CD 3**

MOTION (BLUMENFIELD - HERNANDEZ) relative to funding for the acquisition of a trailer-mounted pressure washer for exclusive use in the Third Council District.

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

- TRANSFER and APPROPRIATE \$17,300 from the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281203 (CD 3 Redevelopment Projects -Services) to the Board of Public Works Fund No. 100/74, Account No. 3040 (Contractual Services) to be used for the acquisition of a trailer-mounted pressure washer for exclusive use in the Third Council District.
- 2. INSTRUCT and AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works, Office of

Community Beautification to prepare, process and execute the necessary documents with, and/or payments to, the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, or any other agency or organization, in the above amount for the above purpose, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

3. AUTHORIZE the Department of Public Works Office of Accounting to make any corrections, clarifications or needed new instructions, to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion

Adopted Item

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

(15) **23-0280 CD 2**

MOTION (KREKORIAN - MCOSKER) relative to funding for various community beautification services in Council District 2.

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

- 1. TRANSFER and APPROPRIATE \$158,338 in the Council District 2 portion of the Neighborhood Service Enhancements line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 to the Board of Public Works Fund No. 100-74, Account No. 3040 (Contractual Services) to be used for various beautification / maintenance efforts and services in Council District 2 coordinated by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, as further detailed in the text of this Motion.
- 2. INSTRUCT and AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification to prepare, process and execute the necessary documents with, and/or payments to, the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, or any other agency or organization, in the above amount for the above purpose, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

3. AUTHORIZE the Department of Public Works Office of Accounting to make any corrections, clarifications or needed new instructions, to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

Adopted Item

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

(16) **23-0224 CD 7**

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (RODRIGUEZ – KREKORIAN) relative to solutions for addressing the flooding and access issues at Oro Vista Avenue at Big Tujunga Canyon Road and improvements that will prevent future access closures.

Recommendations for Council action:

- INSTRUCT the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), Bureau of Sanitation, Bureau of Street Services, the Los Angeles Fire Department, and all other relevant City departments, to report in 15 days with solutions for addressing the flooding and access issues at Oro Vista Avenue at Big Tujunga Canyon Road and improvements that will prevent future access closures.
- 2. INSTRUCT the BOE, with assistance from the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to report in 15 days on available funding options for the needed improvements and continued maintenance cost associated.

<u>Community Impact Statement:</u> None submitted

(Public Works Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hutt, Lee, McOsker, Park, Price Jr.,

Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Hernandez, Krekorian, Raman (3)

(17) **23-0269**

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (HARRIS-DAWSON - PRICE) and RESOLUTION relative to assisting the City's commercial cannabis Social Equity Program and Social Equity applicants and licensees to assist with startup and ongoing costs, to provide technical and business development assistance, and to provide workforce development assistance.

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

- 1. AUTHORIZE the Department of Cannabis Regulation to accept a grant in the amount of \$1,984,947.11 from the State of California to be used to assist the City's commercial cannabis Social Equity Program and Social Equity applicants and licensees; to deposit these funds into a new Account in Fund No. 60E-13, entitled 2023 Cannabis Equity Grant; and to execute the standard agreement, attached to the Motion, with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development for the period of April 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024, including any extensions or amendments thereof, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
- 2. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION as required by the granting agency.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

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

Adopted Item

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

Items Called Spec	cial
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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, Hutt, Lee, McOsker, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Absent: Hernandez, Krekorian, Raman (3)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, CITY CLERK

Ву

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Regular meeting recessed 11:52am

Special meeting convened 11:52am

Special meeting adjourned 12:05pm

Regular meeting re-convened 12:05pm

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
Price	Hutt	Sherri Francois

ADJOURNING MOTIONS

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
Hutt	All Members	Ernest Eugene "Curly"
		Martin

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to three proposed agreements with Meg, Mettle and Moxie, Inc., Prodromos Mike Begakis dba Monterey Concessions, and Edward Walter Sunsseri, Jr. dba Sunseri's, for the operation and maintenance of bar and beverage service concessions at the Department of Recreation and Parks' special event venues.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the award of three proposed Agreements for the operation and maintenance of bar and beverage service concession at the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) special event venues (Concession) to Meg, Mettle & Moxie, Inc., Prodromos Mike Begakis doing business as Monterey Concessions, and Edward Walter Sunseri, Jr. doing business as Sunseri's, each for a term of five years with two five-year extension options exercisable at RAP's sole discretion, as detailed in the January 20, 2023 RAP report, attached to the Council file.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: The RAP reports that the bar and beverage service concessions generated \$49,741 in revenue to RAP for the period of November 2021 through October 2022. Therefore, the new contracts are estimated to generate revenue to RAP of a minimum of \$50,000 annually with possibly higher returns as Concession rentals increase post-pandemic.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 21, 2023 (LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 21, 2023)

Summary:

On March 15, 2023, your Committee considered a Board report, dated January 20, 2023, relative to a request to approve three proposed agreements with Meg, Mettle and Moxie, Inc., Prodromos Mike Begakis dba Monterey Concessions, and Edward Walter Sunsseri, Jr. dba Sunseri's, for the operation and maintenance of bar and beverage service concessions at the Department of Recreation and Parks' special event venues. The report attached to the Council file includes some background on the matter. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation reflected above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

 MEMBER
 VOTE

 HERNANDEZ:
 YES

 LEE:
 YES

 HUTT:
 YES

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ITEM NO. 11

File No. 21-0112-S1

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTIONS relative to recommendations for the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Homekey Program Round 2 (Homekey 2); and related matters.

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

- 1. NOTE and FILE the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) report dated March 3, 2023, attached to Council file No. 21-0112-S1, relative to the HCD Homekey 2.
- 2. ADOPT the accompanying revised authorizing RESOLUTIONS attached to the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report dated March 10, 2023, attached to Council file No. 21-0112-S1, as required by the HCD, acknowledging the award of funds for the Homekey 2 projects and the selected owner/operator for each site.
- 3. APPROVE the use of up to \$50,000,000 in General Obligation Proposition HHH (Proposition HHH) bond proceeds in the Prop HHH Construction Fund No. 17G, to serve as a revolving loan for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund No. 65M, for a period from March 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, to provide cash flow for the rehabilitation of approved Homekey 2 project sites. This loan will be repaid from the HOME-ARP Fund.
- 4. DIRECT the General Manager, LAHD, or designee, to ensure the Prop HHH revolving loan is fully repaid no later than July 31, 2023.
- 5. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LAHD, or designee, to:
 - a. Draft and/or revise the draft Resolutions attached to the CAO report dated March 10, 2023, in order to incorporate any adjustments required by the HCD, prior to attestation or execution, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.
 - b. Work in consultation with the City Attorney to draft, negotiate, and execute loan documents (including promissory notes, deeds of trust, regulatory agreements and any necessary legal documents), for the acquisition, rehabilitation, and operational subsidy components of funding for each of the Homekey 2 sites with the sites' selected owner/operator, or their designated limited partnership or limited liability company affiliates, as listed in Attachment 2 contained in the CAO report dated March 10, 2023. The loans will be: 1) consistent with the terms outlined in the LAHD report dated March 2, 2023; 2) made for each project for a maximum loan amount listed in Attachment 2 contained in the CAO report dated March 10, 2023, from among the component funding sources listed in Attachment 3 contained in the CAO report dated March 10, 2023, as determined for each project by the LAHD in consultation with the CAO and 3) subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form.
 - c. Increase, decrease and/or replace the funding sources allocated for each Homekey 2 project with the condition that the funding does not exceed the total Homekey allocation by funding source (Attachment 3 contained in the CAO report dated March 10, 2023) or the City Match amount of the projects.
 - d. Enter into any agreements necessary to approve the transfer of title and funds from the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) to each of the owners/operators, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form.

- e. Prepare Controller instructions and any technical corrections as necessary to the transactions included in the CAO report dated March 10, 2023, including the creation of special appropriation accounts or corrections to account names, to implement the intent of those transactions, subject to the approval of the CAO.
- 6. APPROVE the following four conditional waivers to the Prop HHH Permanent Supportive Housing Program Regulations drafted by the LAHD and approved by Council for the 2018-19 Call for Projects. The waivers would waive the following:
 - a. The per unit loan limit for non-tax credit supported units.
 - b. The requirement that Prop HHH loans cannot exceed 50 percent of the project's total development cost.
 - c. The requirement that 50 percent of the units must be designated for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness.
 - d. The cap of \$12 million in Prop HHH funding per project.
- 7. APPROVE an amendment to the terms of the \$15 million loan previously approved for HACLA in order to change the number of projects receiving Homekey 2 acquisition funds from four to three, and change the amount allocated for the remaining three projects. Funds are not to exceed the amounts outlined below for each project:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>CD</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	5050 Pico	10	79	\$5,525,000
2	10150 Hillhaven	7	34	3,850,000
3	1044 Soto	14	85	<u>5,625,000</u>
			Tot	al: \$15,000,000

8. AUTHORIZE the Controller to establish and appropriate new appropriation accounts within the GOB Series 2022-A, Prop HHH Construction Fund No. 17G as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
17G	43WC39	Temple/Alvarado	\$13,100,000
17G	43WC44	2010 Highland	<u>9,400,000</u>
			Total: \$22,500,000

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: The CAO reports that the recommendations stated in this report will not have an additional impact to the General Fund. The actions described in this report will be supported by funding sources previously approved by the Mayor and Council for the Homekey 2 Program.

<u>Financial Policies Statement</u>: The CAO reports that the recommendations stated in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies in that one-time revenues will be used to support one-time expenditures.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on March 15, 2023, your Housing and Homelessness Committee considered CAO and LAHD reports and Resolutions relative to recommendations for the HCD Homekey 2; and related matters.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended to note and file the LAHD report and adopt the recommendations contained in the CAO report, as detailed above, as

amended. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

MEMBER YES
RAMAN: YES
BLUMENFIELD: YES
HARRIS-DAWSON: YES
RODRIGUEZ: YES
LEE: YES

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-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-

I MOVE that the matter of Motion (Price – Hutt) relative to amending Contract No. C-138578 with Omni 888 Olive St LP for continued temporary housing, and amending Contract No. C-141637 Overland, Pacific & Cutler, LLC for continued relocation assistance to tenant households displaced by the 27th Street Firework Incident that occurred on June 30, 2021, Item No. 18 on today's Council Special Agenda (Council File 21-0775-S4), BE AMENDED to ADD the following recommendation:

That the following personnel/departments be requested/directed to report to Council within 60 days as follows:

- 1. Chief Moore, Police Department (LAPD), on any additional steps taken to ensure similar incidents do not occur again, as well as an overview of assistance and outreach provided by the LAPD to the impacted community.
- 2. Department of Building & Safety and the Department of City Planning on the status of any "color-tagged" homes, including any pending permits, applications, or other matters related to these locations.
- 3. Department of Public Works on any infrastructure improvements to City assets made or needed in the area.
- 4. City Attorney on the status of claims and litigation related to the 27th Street incident.
- 5. Housing Department on the number of individuals successfully rehoused and those still seeking assistance.
- **6.** Community Investment for Families Department, in collaboration with relevant agencies, on the number of referrals, services, and resources provided to individuals impacted by the 27th Street incident.

PRESENTED BY

CURREN D. PRICE, JR.

Councilmember, 9th District

PRESENTED BY

BOB BLOMENFIELD

Councilmember, 37 Distric

SECONDED BY2

HEATHER HUTT

Councilmember, 10th District

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March 17, 2023

I MOVE, pursuant to Section 2.2 of the Administrative Code, that the Council adopt the following as the regular meeting schedule for the Council's standing committees, effective upon adoption of this Motion:

COMMITTEE	DAY	TIME	ROOM
BUDGET, FINANCE & INNOVATION	2 nd , 4 th Mondays	2:00 pm	340
CIVIL RIGHTS, EQUITY, IMMIGRATIO AGING & DISABILITY	N, 1 st , 3 rd Fridays	1:00 pm	340
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	1 st , 3 rd Wednesdays	3:30 pm	401
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT	2 nd , 4 th Fridays	1:00 pm	340
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	2 nd , 4 th Tuesdays	2:00 pm	401
HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS	1st, 3rd Wednesdays	2:00 pm	340
NEIGHBORHOODS & COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT	1 st , 3 rd Wednesdays	8:30 am	401
PERSONNEL, AUDITS, & HIRING	1 st , 3 rd Tuesdays	8:30 am	401
PLANNING & LAND USE MGT.	1 st , 3 rd Tuesdays	2:00 pm	340
PUBLIC SAFETY	2 nd , 4 th Wednesdays	3:30 pm	340
PUBLIC WORKS 2'	Wednesdays	3:30 pm	401
RULES, ELECTIONS, & INTER- GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS	4 th Friday	1:00 pm	401
TRADE, TRAVEL & TOURISM	1st, 3rd Tuesdays	2:00 pm	401
TRANSPORTATION	2 nd , 4 th Wednesdays	2:00 pm	340

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council hereby RESOLVE to transfer committee jurisdiction of "overnight parking on rights-of-way" from the Housing and Homelessness Committee to the Transportation Committee.

PRESENTED BY:

PAUL KREKORIA

Councilman, 2nd District

SECONDED BY:

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I MOVE that \$4,083 in the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281214 be transferred / appropriated to the Public Works Trust Fund No. 834-50, Revenue Source - 574282 to be used to fund the deficit for B Permit Ref. No. 12679 (BR004621), related to work on the 3rd Street Tunnel.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering 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:

KEVIN DE LEÓN

Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY

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The City's Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) is a tax on individuals occupying hotel rooms, including short-term rentals, throughout the City. The hotel operator collects the TOT from the patron and then remits the collected tax to the City.

Individuals booking hotel rooms through an online travel company are required to pay TOT for each hotel stay. Online travel companies are also required to collect and remit the tax to the hotel operator for which the room was booked. Currently, the Municipal Occupancy Tax Code allows online travel companies to collect and remit tax on the discounted and/or wholesale room rate agreed upon with the hotel, rather than on the actual amount the guest pays for the room. As such, online travel companies collect a room rate from the customer, but do not pay a full tax amount.

The City of Anaheim recently approved a ballot measure (Measure J) that updates Anaheim's hotel tax to ensure that the full retail amount is taxed when the room is booked through an online travel company. For the City of Anaheim, which collected \$267M in hotel tax for 2021-22, the tax update could generate up to \$3M in additional hotel tax collected annually.

The Adopted Budget estimates that the City's TOT revenues will equal to approximately \$224M in 2022-23. Should a ballot measure to require online travel companies to collect and remit the actual amount paid for lodging be approved by City voters, TOT revenues will increase, providing additional funding available for City programs and services.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Office of Finance be instructed to report on the potential for a ballot measure to update the City's Municipal Occupancy Tax Code regarding the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) and require online travel companies to collect and remit the actual amount paid for lodging rather that the wholesale and/or discounted amount.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Office of Finance be instructed to report on the amount of TOT currently paid by online travel companies and the estimated amount that could potentially be garnered by the City should the City's tax code be updated.

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TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District

BOB BLUMENFIELD

Councilmember, 5rd District

SECONDED BY:

In late February 2023, the City and region experienced historic torrential storms which caused flooding and damage to utility infrastructure. Intense winds and heavy rains knocked down power lines in various neighborhoods in the City. The heavy flow of water in the streets also caused flooding in underground electrical vaults. The impacts on utility infrastructure resulted in long-term power outages that affected up to 140,000 Angelenos, including more than 10,000 residents in the 11th District's Pacific Palisades, Brentwood and Del Rey neighborhoods.

In addition to our fire, urban forestry, transportation and law enforcement personnel, our Department of Water and Power (DWP) lineworkers served as frontline responders, working day and night to repair critical infrastructure so that power could be restored expeditiously to affected residents and businesses. In making these repairs, a DWP lineworker was seriously injured while trying to restore power in the San Fernando Valley.

This work is never without risk, yet the historic storm event brings to light various issues which the City and the DWP should review. While motions have been introduced requesting reports related to grid fortification (CF 23-0225) and the restoration of storm drain infrastructure (CF 23-0144), it is imperative that we assess worker safety during these weather events, which will become more severe as the climate crisis worsens. In this manner, the City and the DWP would be in a better position to respond to future torrential storm events, thereby protecting the health and welfare of its workers.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the DWP be requested to report to the Council on existing worker safety protocols during storm events like those that occurred in February and March 2023; and practices which may be improved or implemented to ensure lineworker safety moving forward.

PRESENTED BY

TRACI PARK

Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:

Over the past thirty years the City of Los Angeles, the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA/LA), and the State of California offered financing to help nonprofits acquire and rehabilitate older single-room occupancy (SRO) hotels and residential buildings in the Skid Row neighborhood. These older units provide critical permanent supportive housing and affordable units for some of our most vulnerable Angelenos, and preserving them is a key strategy of our homelessness response.

Skid Row Housing Trust (SRHT) operates one of the largest SRO portfolios in Los Angeles, housing more than one thousand low-income residents. Thirteen of their properties are particularly distressed and are in default of loan agreements with the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) and other lenders. As revealed in recent reporting, SRHT is on the verge of financial collapse, due in part to financial mismanagement, operating at significant deficits for several years, and rising costs of maintenance of the oldest properties in their portfolio.

SRHT has been working on a plan to transfer ownership of these properties to supportive housing providers, with the consent of LAHD. However, absent adequate working capital and in light of diminishing staff resources, SRHT does not have capacity to provide staff or security to protect residents from immediate habitability and safety concerns. Many of SRHT's properties are facing challenges related to fire protection system malfunctions, elevator outages, unrepaired damage due to excessive and ongoing vandalism, consistent trespassers, electrical problems, and plumbing and sanitation issues.

LAHD's Asset Protection Fund was established to support emergency repairs and receiverships for properties where existing borrowers' non-compliance with City agreements and LAHD loans, or questionable property management practices, place both the collateral and residents at risk. The availability of Asset Protection funds allows LAHD to take immediate action to protect against property neglect, the non-payment of debts, and theft of assets. Actions like this may be necessary to avoid further health and safety hazards to the residents for affordable housing properties owned, controlled, or financed by LAHD.

Of particular urgency is the need to provide security services in the SRHT properties. The City of Los Angeles has contracts with GSG Protective Services to provide security at City buildings. The conditions at many of the SRHT buildings are so concerning that today, Friday, March 17th, 2023, LAHD is entering into a short-term three-month contract with GSG Protective Services to commence security services immediately. LAHD, as the awarding authority, will award the contract pursuant to the City Council's recent resolution suspending standard procurement requirements for contracts needed to address the City's homelessness emergency. In order to

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secure the necessary funding for the duration of the contract, the City Council should act quickly to fund these security services at SRHT properties to ensure resident safety, while also requiring that LAHD rapidly develop and finalize a broader plan to stabilize the SRHT portfolio.

I THEREFORE MOVE that \$700,000 be transferred / appropriated within Affordable Housing Trust Fund No. 44G/43 from Appropriation Account No. 43W411 Unallocated to Appropriation Account No. 43W221 Asset Protection & Loss Mitigation, to provide emergency funds to protect against property neglect, the non-payment of debts and theft of assets, including up to \$600,000 for GSG Protective Services to provide security services, and expend funds upon proper written demand of the LAHD General Manager.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the LAHD to work with the Mayor's Office, the City Attorney, the Chief Legislative Analyst, the City Administrative Officer, and other applicable agencies to report back within 15 days with a proposed plan to facilitate and accelerate the efforts to stabilize the Skid Row Housing Trust portfolio of assets, including timelines for disposing of properties to other supportive housing providers or public agencies.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the LAHD to report back within 30 days with clear guidelines rooted in transparency, monitoring, and accountability for partners to whom the City lends funding for supportive, interim, and accessible affordable housing so any similar issues in the future can be proactively anticipated, identified, and addressed to avoid putting vulnerable residents at risk and to ensure that buildings are in habitable and secure conditions.

PRESENTED BY:

NITHYA RAMAN

Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:

The Manchester Urban Homes development at 8721-8765 S. Broadway Avenue in Council District 8 (Project), will include 122 affordable units to be co-developed by Abode Communities and NHS Neighborhood Redevelopment Corporation. Since 2019, the developers have worked to secure entitlements and funding sources. The City has approved the issuance of tax exempt bond financing, the award of State Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities funds, and an award of Housing Impact Trust Fund from the Fast Track Loan Program. Additional financing includes Low Income Housing Tax Credits, a seller carryback loan, and deferred developer fee. As a result of these awards, the Project will have layers of affordability restrictions for a term of up to 55 years. The affordability requirements will restrict units to 30 percent, 50 percent, and 60 percent of the Area Median Income. Additionally, the City funded a Green Alley Grant.

The City's Green Alley Grant funding in the amount of \$2.3 million was made available for the Project through the 2021-22 Adopted Budget (C.F. No. 21-0600), as part of the Capital and Technology Improvement Expenditure Program (CTIEP). This funding was available for the Project until June 30, 2023 to support the study, design and/or construction of improvements. At this time, the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) seeks additional authorities and an extension of time for the use of Green Alley Grant funding.

In 2022, Council authorized the Controller to transfer \$2.3 million from the CTIEP General Fund Green Alley Grant to LAHD for the Project (C.F. No. 22-0847-S2) and extended the use of the funds through June 30, 2024. These funds would facilitate the construction of a green alley situated between the lots proposed for the affordable housing project on privately owned land. Transfer of the funds to LAHD would allow the Department to monitor the construction of the housing and alley. In order for LAHD to provide these funds to the Project, additional authorities are needed to contract with the developers and to allow adequate time for the Project to commence and complete construction and expend these funds.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the General Manager of the Los Angeles Housing Department, or designee, to:

- 1. Effectuate a Service Payback Grant of up to \$2,300,000 from the Capital and Technology Improvement Expenditure Program (CTIEP) to NHS Neighborhood Redevelopment Corporation for the Manchester Urban Homes (Project) located at 8721-8765 S. Broadway Avenue and cause these funds to be transferred to the appropriate accounts for the Project:
- 2. Draft, negotiate, and execute grant documents to provide \$2,300,000 on CTIEP funds for the Project with a deadline for expenditure of December 30, 2025, subject to review and approval of the City Attorney as to form;

3. Prepare Controller Instructions, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the Controller be authorized to implement the instructions and expend funds upon receipt of proper demand by the General Manager of LAHD or designee.

PRESENTED BY:

MARQUÉECE HARRIS-DAWSON

Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY

MAR 1 7 2023

This winter, the City has experienced a series of significant storm events that have strained our City's infrastructure, caused flooding, destabilized hillsides and roads, and caused substantial damage to the City's public resources. Due to severe wind and considerable rainfall, the City has received thousands of tree-related emergency calls and service requests to respond to downed and uprooted trees that have blocked streets, damaged power lines, and created safety hazards for our residents.

The City has been taking steps to increase its urban tree canopy and provide more shade to residents, developing an inventory of the City's street trees, protecting native species, launching a new Street Transit Amenities Program, funding tree planting and care programs within the Department of Public Works, and including greening elements in numerous public works projects. Similarly, the City has been working to repair sidewalks throughout the City to ensure that the sidewalk system is accessible and usable by all, including its annual funding commitment to the Sidewalk Repair Program.

The loss of street trees to storm-related damage is counteractive to the City's work to expand tree canopy coverage and improve our sidewalks. It is imperative that the City understand the full scope of damage to the City's street trees and sidewalks and use this data to minimize damage from future storms.

The Bureau of Street Services' Urban Forestry Division manages the City's street tree inventory and has been responding to the tree-related emergencies; and the Bureau also manages sidewalk repair and construction crews that perform the critical work to address sidewalk hazards and bring our City's sidewalk system into good condition. Additionally, the Bureau of Engineering leads the City's Sidewalk Repair Program and plays an integral role in the design and repair of the City's sidewalk system.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services and Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of any necessary departments, be instructed to report with an assessment of the number of street trees damaged and uprooted in the recent cycle of storms and any damage to adjacent sidewalks; and to report with recommendations to better protect the City's tree canopy and sidewalk system in advance of future storm events.

PRESENTED BY:

Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:

There has been a surge of threats and attempted shake-downs of patrons at parking lots. Just yesterday and today two City employees were accosted and threatened at parking lots in the Civic Center as they were coming to work. We need to implement some emergency security measures to address this problem. Additionally, if it is happening in parking lots near the Civic Center, it is reasonable to assume that this behavior is happening at public parking lots (both Cityowned and commercial) throughout the City. This could endanger both commercial patrons and tourists who are visiting our city.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department, the Personnel Department, the Department of General Services and the Department of Transportation be directed to report on the problem of security at public parking lots (both City-owned and commercial). The issues to be addressed should include the following:

- 1. What temporary security measures can be put in place to address the current surge of threats and crimes at parking lots.
- 2. What temporary actions can be taken, including suspension of City employee parking rules and protocols to address the current parking crisis so that City employees who are required to come to work can have safe parking available to them.
- 3. What actions can the Department of General Services take to implement a readily accessible City employee parking accommodation policy in the nearby City lots, including parking in the City Hall mall.
- 4. The feasibility of installing panic buttons or other emergency call devices and City owned parking lots and requiring similar devices to be installed at all commercial parking lots City-wide in order to address the security needs of all parking patrons and especially of parking patrons who are tourists to the city, both domestic and international.

PRESENTED BY:

HEATHER HUTT

Councilwoman, 10th District

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SECONDED BY

MAR 1 7 2023

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, according to the 2022 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, there are 3,522 unhoused veterans in Los Angeles County, constituting 10% of all unhoused veterans nationwide; and

WHEREAS, while meaningful efforts have been in made in Los Angeles and across the country to reduce the incidence of veteran homelessness, nearly 79% of all unhoused veterans in Los Angeles remain unsheltered, meaning they live on our streets, in cars, or other places not meant for human habitation; and

WHEREAS, many unhoused or housing insecure veterans are ineligible for supportive housing as a result of overly restrictive Area Median Income (AMI) levels that disqualify veterans who are receiving their duly-earned benefits; and

WHEREAS, housing units specifically dedicated for veterans remain vacant as a result of the poorly targeted AMI level requirements for residents; and

WHEREAS, the City is already taking steps to address this issue locally pursuant to the Los Angeles Housing Department's recommendations to increase the AMI levels from 30 percent to 50 percent in Proposition HHH-funded units for unhoused veterans; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in the California Legislature is a bill, Assembly Bill (AB) 1386 – California Veteran Supportive Housing Act – introduced by Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel; and

WHEREAS, AB 1386 would increase the flexibility of the State Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program (VHHP) and allow local homeless systems to match a Veteran with an income at or below 60 percent AMI in cases when a veteran with a lower income cannot be located; and

WHEREAS, AB 1386 would ensure that the 5,665 units created by VHHP across 88 housing developments since 2014 are quickly and completely filled with residents who desperately need permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to ensuring that administrative barriers do not stand in the way of helping veterans, who risked their lives in service to this country, access the stable housing they deserve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-24 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Assembly Bill 1386 (Gabriel), California Veteran Supportive Housing Act.

PRESENTED BY:

Katy Yaroslavsky Councilwoman, 5th District

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