# Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding Tuesday, August 8, 2023

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

(For further details see Official Council Files)
(For communications referred by the President see Referral Memorandum)

Roll Call

Members Present: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13) Absent: de León, McOsker (2)

**Approval of the Minutes** 

**Commendatory Resolutions, Introductions and Presentations - SEE ATTACHED** 

Multiple Agenda Item Comment

Public Testimony of Non-agenda Items Within Jurisdiction of Council

Items Noticed for Public Hearing - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

(1) **23-0572 CD 15** 

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING COMMENTS relative to an Application for Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity for the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption at QuickStop Liquor Market, located at 945 West Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 106.

Applicant: Xavier Ochoa

Representative: Xavier Ochoa

TIME LIMIT FILE - AUGUST 28, 2023

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - AUGUST 25, 2023)

(Motion required for Findings and Council recommendations for

#### the above application)

(Continued from Council meeting of June 27, 2023)

#### Continued Item to August 22, 2023

### (2) **22-0160-S41** CD 2\*

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTEST, APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS to the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety report and confirmation of lien for nuisance abatement costs and/or non-compliance of code violations/Annual Inspection costs, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) and/or Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) for the property located at 11151 West Blix Street.

Recommendation for Council action:

HEAR PROTEST, APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS relative to proposed lien for nuisance abatement costs and/or non-compliance of code violations/Annual Inspection costs, pursuant to LAMC and/or LAAC and CONFIRM said lien for the property located at 11151 West Blix Street. (Lien: \$2,412.96)

(Continued from Council meeting of June 23, 2023)

\*Journal Correction

#### Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15);

Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

### (3) **23-0160-S15** CD 8

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTEST, APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS to the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety report and confirmation of lien for nuisance abatement costs and/or non-

compliance of code violations/Annual Inspection costs, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) and/or Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) for the property located at 1154 West 67th Street.

Recommendation for Council action:

HEAR PROTEST, APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS relative to proposed lien for nuisance abatement costs and/or non-compliance of code violations/Annual Inspection costs, pursuant to LAMC and/or LAAC and CONFIRM said lien for the property located at 1154 West 67th Street. (Lien: \$21,594.37)

(Continued from Council meeting of June 23, 2023)

#### Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15);

Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

# (4) 17-0160-S524 CD 15

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTEST, APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS to the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety report and confirmation of lien for nuisance abatement costs and/or non-compliance of code violations/Annual Inspection costs, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) and/or Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) for the property located at 467 North Walker Avenue.

Recommendation for Council action:

HEAR PROTEST, APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS relative to proposed lien for nuisance abatement costs and/or non-compliance of code violations/Annual Inspection costs, pursuant to LAMC and/or LAAC and CONFIRM said lien for the property located at 467 North Walker Avenue. (Lien: \$1,997.21)

(Continued from Council meeting of June 23, 2023)

Received and Filed Item inasmuch as the lien was paid in full Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15); Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

(5) **23-0900-S12 CD 13** 

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the New Hampshire and Fountain Avenues Street Lighting District.

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

- FIND that a majority protest exists in the Street Lighting Maintenance Assessment District and therefore the assessment cannot be enacted.
- 2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated June 23, 2023, abandoning all proceedings relating to the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).
- 3. INSTRUCT the Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, to ensure that the streetlights are not installed or are removed from service if previously installed.

(Continued from Council meeting of June 20, 2023)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15);

Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

(6) **23-0900-S13** 

CD 12

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Chatsworth Street No. 2 Street Lighting District.

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

- 1. DENY the protest and confirm the assessments.
- 2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated June 23, 2023, levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Continued from Council meeting of June 20, 2023)

#### **Adopted Item**

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15);

Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

(7) **23-0900-S14 CD 9** 

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the South Park No. 1 Street Lighting District.

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

- 1. DENY the protest and confirm the assessments.
- 2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated June 23, 2023, levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Continued from Council meeting of June 20, 2023)

#### **Adopted Item**

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee,

McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15);

Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

(8) **23-0900-S15** 

CD 7

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Sharp Avenue and Chamberlain Street Lighting District.

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

- 1. DENY the protest and confirm the assessments.
- 2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated June 23, 2023, levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Continued from Council meeting of June 20, 2023)

#### **Adopted Item**

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee,

McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15);

Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

(9) **23-0900-S16** 

**CD 13** 

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Coronado Street and Berkeley Avenue Street Lighting District.

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

- 1. DENY the protest and confirm the assessments.
- 2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated June 23, 2023, levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Continued from Council meeting of June 20, 2023)

#### **Adopted Item**

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15);

Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

(10) **23-0900-S17 CD 13** 

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Mohawk Street and Montana Street No. 1 Street Lighting District.

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

- 1. DENY the protest and confirm the assessments.
- 2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated June 23, 2023, levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Continued from Council meeting of June 20, 2023)

#### **Adopted Item**

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15);

Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

(11) **23-0900-S18 CD 10, CD 7** 

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the La Cienega and Jefferson Boulevards Street Lighting District.

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

- 1. DENY the protest and confirm the assessments.
- 2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated June 23, 2023, levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Continued from Council meeting of June 20, 2023)

#### Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15); Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

(12) **23-0900-S19 CD 13** 

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Normal and Virgil Avenues Street Lighting District.

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

- 1. DENY the protest and confirm the assessments.
- 2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated June 23, 2023, levying the assessments and ordering the

maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

#### (Continued from Council meeting of June 20, 2023)

#### Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15);

Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

### (13) **23-0900-S20 CD 5**

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Gayley Avenue and Lindbrook Drive Street Lighting District.

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

- 1. DENY the protest and confirm the assessments.
- 2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated June 23, 2023, levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Continued from Council meeting of June 20, 2023)

#### Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee,

McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15);

Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

#### (14) **23-0900-S21**

CD 11 CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and

ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the 94th Street and Jetway Boulevard Street Lighting District.

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

- 1. DENY the protest and confirm the assessments.
- 2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated June 23, 2023, levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Continued from Council meeting of June 20, 2023)

#### Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee,

McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15);

Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

### (15) **23-0900-S22 CD 2**

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Chandler Boulevard and Wilkinson Avenue No. 1 Street Lighting District.

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

- 1. DENY the protest and confirm the assessments.
- 2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated June 23, 2023, levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

#### (Continued from Council meeting of June 20, 2023)

#### Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15);

Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

# (16) **23-0649 CD 11**

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the dedication of City-owned real property as public street lying on 5900 West Century Boulevard - Right of Way No 36000-10212.

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

- 1. FIND that this dedication of City-owned land as a public sidewalk is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, under Article III, Class 5(4) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.
- DEDICATE, ACCEPT and ESTABLISH the City-owned real property lying west on 5900 West Century Boulevard, as shown on the Exhibit Map of the May 10, 2023 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file, as part of Century Boulevard, a public street of said City.
- 3. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated June 9, 2023, authorizing the dedication, acceptance and establishment of certain real property owned by the City as part of the Century Boulevard, all public streets of said City.
- 4. FIND that this dedication, acceptance, and establishment, of Cityowned real property as public street is in substantial conformance with the purpose, intent, and provisions of the General Plan, pursuant to Section 556 of the City Charter.

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<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> None submitted by the City Engineer. 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, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15);

Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

#### Items for which Public Hearings Have Been Held

(17) **20-1341 CD 1** 

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the inclusion of the Morris Kight Residence, located at 1822 West 4th Street, in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

Recommendations for Council action:

- 1. DETERMINE that the proposed designation is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Article 19, Section 15308, Class 8 and Article 19, Section 15331, Class 31 of the State CEQA Guidelines.
- 2. DETERMINE that the subject property conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to Section 22.171.7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.
- 3. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC) as the Findings of Council.
- 4. APPROVE the recommendations of the CHC relative to the inclusion of the Morris Kight Residence, located at 1822 West 4th Street, in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

Applicant: Liza Brereton c/o AIDS Healthcare Foundation

Owners: Westlake Apartment Development LLC and Rafi Ventura, Sweetzer Lofts. LLC

Case No. CHC-2020-3322-HCM

Environmental No. ENV-2020-3323-CE

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> None submitted by the Cultural Heritage Commission. 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 - AUGUST 11, 2023** 

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - AUGUST 11, 2023)

(Continued from Council meeting of June 7, 2023)

Adopted Item as Amended by Motion 17A (Hernandez – Hutt), further amended by Motion (Hernandez – Rodriguez) - SEE ATTACHED

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15); Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

#### (18) **23-1200-S132**

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the appointment of Keren Waters to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's appointment of Keren Waters to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, for the term ending June 30, 2027, is APPROVED and CONFIRMED. Keren Waters will fill the vacancy created by the departure of Jennifer Valdivia. Appointee currently resides in

Council District 12. (Current Composition: F=3; M=3; Vacant=1)

<u>Financial Disclosure Statement</u>: Pending.

Background Check: Pending.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

#### TIME LIMIT FILE - SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - SEPTEMBER 8, 2023)

Continued Item to August 11, 2023

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

(19) **23-0729 CD 1** 

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (HERNANDEZ - YAROSLAVSKY) relative to funding for additional support of local neighborhood programs services and needs in Council District 1.

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

- TRANSFER, APPROPRIATE and ALLOCATE the uncommitted balance of \$500,000 in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000903 (Council Community Projects) set aside for The Wall Las Memorias to the General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account 000701 (CD1 Community Services) for additional support of local neighborhood programs services and needs in Council District 1.
- INSTRUCT and AUTHORIZE the City Clerk 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.

#### (Continued from Council meeting of July 5, 2023)

Adopted Amending Motion 19B (de León – Lee)

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15);

Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

Adopted Amending Motion 19A (Hernandez – Yaroslavsky) as Amended by Motion (Park – Hernandez)

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (14); Nays: Lee (1); Absent: (0)

Adopted Item as Amended by Motion 19B (de León – Lee) and Amended Motion 19A (Hernandez – Yaroslavsky) - SEE ATTACHED

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: de León, Lee (2); Absent: (0)

# (20) **23-0797 CD 12**

MOTION (LEE - PARK) relative to reactivating Council file Nos. 21-0425, 21-0595, and 21-0603; and restoring the matters of the Private Driveway Name Establishments of the private driveways located on the west side of Porter Ranch Drive between Rinaldi Street and Corbin Avenue, on Rinaldi Street between Mason Avenue and Porter Ranch Drive, and on Rinaldi Street southwest of Porter Ranch Drive.

#### Recommendation for Council action:

REACTIVATE Council file Nos. 21-0425, 21-0595, and 21-0603, which expired per Council policy; and, RESTORE the matters of the Private Driveway Name Establishments of the private driveways located on the west side of Porter Ranch Drive between Rinaldi Street and Corbin Avenue, on Rinaldi Street between Mason Avenue and Porter Ranch Drive, and on Rinaldi Street southwest of Porter Ranch Drive; to their most recent legislative statuses as of the dates of the Files' expiration.

#### **Adopted Item**

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15);

Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

#### (21) **13-0791-S2**

MOTION (RODRIGUEZ - PARK) relative to the celebration of the 15th Anniversary of DineLA, coordinated by the Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board, as a City of Los Angeles Non-Event Street Banner Program for the period of October 6, 2023 - October 20, 2023.

Recommendations for Council action:

- APPROVE, in accordance with Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 62.132, the Street Banner program being coordinated by the Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board as a City of Los Angeles Non-Event Street Banner Program for the period of October 6, 2023 - October 20, 2023.
- 2. APPROVE the content of the street banner design, attached to the Motion.

#### **Adopted Item**

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15);

Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

#### (22) **23-0798**

MOTION (BLUMENFIELD - HUTT) relative to funding for travel and hiring hall overtime expenses for the Bureau of Street Services' hiring hall workforce.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer and appropriate funds within the Bureau of Street Services Fund No. 100/86 as follows:

- a. \$100,000 from Account No. 001010 (Salaries General) to Account No. 002130 (Travel).
- b. \$200,000 from Account No. 001010 (Salaries General) to Account No. 001190 (Overtime Hiring Hall).
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Street Services, Controller, and City Administrative Officer to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of the Motion.

#### Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15);

Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

# (23) **23-0810 CD 2**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MUNICIPAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (MFC) relative to a lease with DWF VI GPI Lankershim Owner, LLC for field office space located at 5250 Lankershim Boulevard, North Hollywood, CA 91601 in Council District Two.

#### Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Department of General Services (GSD) to negotiate and execute a lease with DWF VI GPI Lankershim Owner, LLC for approximately 5,879 square feet of the field office space located at 5250 Lankershim Boulevard, North Hollywood, CA 91601 in Council District Two, for an initial lease term of four years with one four-year option to extend.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> The MFC reports that there is no anticipated current-year impact on the General Fund from the estimated shortfall amount of \$290,432 identified at this time. GSD is negotiating with the landlord of the Council Office's current location to reimburse expenses associated with this move to the extent possible and will manage any shortfalls within the Citywide Leasing Account.

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

#### **TIME LIMIT FILE - OCTOBER 2, 2023**

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - SEPTEMBER 29, 2023)

(Government Operations Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

**Adopted Item** 

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee,

McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15);

Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

**Items Called Special** 

**Motions for Posting and Referral - SEE ATTACHED** 

**Council Members' Requests for Excuse from Attendance at Council Meetings** 

**Adjourning Motions** 

**Council Adjournment** 

#### **ENDING ROLL CALL**

Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15) (0)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

### **COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS**

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
De Leon	Lee	Nisei Week

I MOVE that the matter of Continued Consideration of Categorical Exemption and Planning and Land Use Management Committee report relative to the inclusion of the *Morris Kight Residence*, located at 1822 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments, Item No. 17 (Council File No. 20-1341) on today's Council Agenda, BE AMENDED to revise recommendations No. 3 and 4 only, as follows:

3. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Cultural Heritage Commission as the Findings of Council with a modification to limit the designation to the residence itself and not the site or ancillary structures, inasmuch as the primary significance is the main residence where the events and movements cited in the nomination occurred.

4. APPROVE the recommendations of the Cultural Heritage Commission with a modification to limit the designation to the residence itself, and not the site or ancillary structures, \* relative to the inclusion of the *Morris Kight Residence*, located at 1822 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, in the list of Historic- Cultural Monuments.

PRESENTED BY

**EUNISSES HERNANDEZ**Councilmember, 1<sup>st</sup> District

**SECONDED BY:** 

\*specifying that the residence is not to be moved from its current location, [As Amended by Verbal Motion (Hernandez - Rodriguez)]

August 8, 2023

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I MOVE that the matter of CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (HERNANDEZ - YAROSLAVSKY) relative to funding for additional support of local neighborhood programs services and needs in Council District 1, Item No. 19 on today's Council Agenda (CF 23-0729) BE AMENDED to reduce the transfer amount by \$100,000 AND to instruct The Wall Las Memorias to use this \$100,000 for HIV testing, mental and physical health services for the LGBTQIA+ community, and services for the Trans, Intersex and Gender Non-Conforming communities in Council District 1. \*

PRESENTED BY:

EUNISSES HERNANDEZ

Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY:

\*INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer to identify potential gap funding streams to support The Wall Las Memorias, and to provide an assessment of what the actual cost will be for The Wall Las Memorias. [As Amended by Verbal Motion (Park - Hernandez)] I MOVE that the matter of the CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (HERNANDEZ - YAROSLAVSKY) relative to funding for additional support of local neighborhood programs services and needs in Council District 1, Item 19 on today's Council agenda (Council File #23-0797) be amended to allocate \$250,000 from the AB 1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281214 (CD14 Redevelopment Projects - Services) to The Wall Las Memorias for their ongoing work supporting the LGBTQIA+ community in Los Angeles and that the City Clerk be instructed to prepare process and execute the necessary documents in the above amount with the above organization for the above purposes.

PRESENTED BY:

KEVIN DE LEÓN

Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:



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I THEREFORE MOVE that \$5,000 from the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56, Account No. 000714 (CD-14 Community Services) be transferred / appropriated to the General Services Trust Fund No. 843-40, Account 40280Y, for the 2023 El Grito Celebration at City Hall.

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

PRESENTED BY:

KEVIN DE LEÓN

Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:

MONICA RODRIGUEZ

Councilwoman, 7th District



I MOVE that the City Council reaffirm its findings for the reward offer relative to the unsolved murder of Davon Pledger (Council Action of July 7, 2020, C.F. 20-0010-S11) and that the reward offer be reinstated for an additional period of six months from the publication of the renewed offer of reward by the City Clerk and, further, that the sum of \$50,000 shall be the aggregate maximum sum of any payment or payments of a City reward in this instance.

PRESENTED BY:

MONICA RODRIGUEZ

Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY:

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

#### **MOTION**

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I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of General Services be authorized to accept donations to cover the cost of El Grito 2023 and to deposit any such individual donations not exceeding \$5,000 each into the General Services Trust Fund 843-40, Account 40280R with any individual donation exceeding \$5,000 to be submitted to the Council for acceptance.

I FURTHER MOVE that \$12,145.54 be transferred within the General Services Trust Fund 843-40 from Account 40280P to Account 40280Y.

I FURTHER MOVE that \$5,000 each from the Council Districts 1, 6, and 13 portions of the Cultural Affairs Fund 100-30, Account No. 009699 (Council Civic Fund), [TOTAL \$15,000], be transferred / appropriated to the General Services Trust Fund 843/40 Account 40280Y.

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

Councilmember, 1st District

Councilmember, 6th District

HUGO SOTO-MARTINEZ

Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY

Councilwoman, 7th District





### **BUDGET & FINANCE**

### MOTION

A Documentary Transfer Tax (DTT) is imposed on all documents that convey real property within the cities of Los Angeles County. The County collects the DTT on behalf of the City at the time the document is recorded. The tax is then remitted to the City and is accounted for as part of General Fund revenue.

As of April 1, 2023, the DTT was revised as a result of the passage of Measure ULA, a ballot measure intended to provide ongoing revenue to address housing and homelessness. For property sales above \$100 but not exceeding \$5 million, the DTT has remained at 0.45 percent of the property value. For sales above \$5 million but below \$10 million, the tax is 4.45 percent, and for sales \$10 million and above, the tax is 5.95 percent.

While the County is charged with collecting the newly calculated DTT, the Office of Finance needs to ensure that the new tax rates are being enforced, and that the City is receiving the accurate amount of tax due. To mitigate any issues with collection and remittance, especially in light of the Measure ULA update, the Office of Finance should provide background information on DTT, including the amount that has previously been collected, the type of transactions for which the tax is collected, and the accuracy of the County's collection and enforcement process.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Office of Finance report on the Documentary Transfer Tax, including: the amount that has been collected since the implementation of Measure ULA; the amount collected over the past three years; the amount collected from commercial, residential and multifamily transfers; the amount collected through legal entity transfers versus deed transfers; the methods employed to track and collect when transfers occur within legal entities; and estimates of funds that may not be collected in the case where legal entity transfers are difficult to track.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Office of Finance report on the accuracy of the Los Angeles County Documentary Transfer Tax collection and enforcement process and if any issues exist that may be exacerbated now that the Measure ULA taxes are being collected as well as any measures the City can take to ensure accuracy.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Office of Finance provide monthly reports on Measure ULA revenues collected and updates on their enforcement measures as funded in the FY23-24 budget.

PRESENTED BY

BOB BLUMENFIELD

Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:

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### PERSONNEL, AUDITS & HIRING

#### **MOTION**

# CIVIL RIGHTS, EQUITY, AGING & DISABILITY

Los Angeles has long been ground zero for wage theft. Historically dubbed as "wage theft capital" (*UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment*, 2010) the City remains a union town, largely characterized by organized labor that wields tremendous influence for gaining stronger worker protections and safer working conditions. Recently, there has been a significant focus on the role of policy making in delivering economic justice for workers.

Employees in Los Angeles are disproportionately affected by the crime of wage theft at a higher rate when compared across the state of California. While women, immigrants, and people of color tend historically to be disproportionately affected by workplace violations to a larger extent, the type of job in which a worker is employed tends to be a far better predictor of violations than the worker's demographic characteristics such as social status or economic class.

Along these lines, the UCLA's Institute for Research on Labor and Employment's 2010 report, Wage Theft and Workplace Violations in Los Angeles, found that within their study, thirty percent of sampled workers reported serious minimum wage violations, with approximately 80% being denied both legally required overtime pay and rest and meal breaks. Violations amounted to \$26 million per week or \$1.4 billion per year—more than twice that of New York City or Chicago.

The City's mechanism for handling these serious workplace violations is largely through the Office of Wage Standards. Article 8 of the Los Angeles City's Municipal Code, the "Los Angeles Office of Wage Standards Ordinance", creates this office within the Bureau of Contract Administration to enforce violations of wage theft and sick time benefits of the Los Angeles Minimum Wage Ordinance. The ordinance also establishes penalties and grants authority to the City of Los Angeles Police Commission to deny, revoke or suspend a police permit issued or requested by an employer found to have committed wage theft.

Holding employers accountable serves as a deterrent to future actions by employers who otherwise would violate California wage and labor provisions within the City's boundaries. Any employee aggrieved by a violation of Article 8, the City Attorney or any other person or entity acting on behalf of the public as provided for under applicable state law, may bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction against the Employer violating this article.

The Office of the City Attorney plays a role in investigating allegations of wage theft and other labor violations (including worker misclassification), and bringing civil or criminal enforcement actions where appropriate. This office also has a dedicated team to advise and assist the Office of Wage Standards with its administrative enforcement actions.

By investigating complaints and holding employers accountable, the City communicates to employers that wage theft will not be tolerated in Los Angeles. In order to better augment the City and its employees' understanding of employee rights, City Council should pursue a deeper analysis into the functionality of the Office of Wage Standards.

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I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, to report back within thirty days with an analysis of current resources used to prosecute wage theft cases as well as recommendations to fulfill any staffing or resource needs within the office to better effectuate wage theft cases. This should include trends related to the wage theft cases that have been initiated versus successfully prosecuted, since the establishment of the Office of Wage Standards.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Office of Wage Standards under the Bureau of Contract Administration report back within the thirty days on additional resources needed to maintain efficient resolution to pending investigations, begin strategic enforcement, and broaden outreach efforts so the public is aware of the complaint process for filing a wage theft claim. This should include efforts related to relaying information in languages other than English as well as ways of communicating information other than electronically.

PRESENTED BY:

TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:

I MOVE that the Council Action of June 28, 2022, relative to a Motion related to a non-profit lease agreement with the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce for the vacant Croatian Cultural Center, a City-owned property located at 635 South Pacific Avenue in San Pedro, Council File No. 22-0707, BE AMENDED to instruct the General Services Department, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to include the following three provisions in the lease agreement:

- 1. Authorize the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce to sublease space in the building to community non-profits;
- 2. Require the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce to obtain and maintain a valid a Certificate of Occupancy at their sole expense; and
- 3. Issue a Right of Entry Permit to the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce prior to the commencement of the lease, in order to allow the Chamber to secure and improve the property, at the Chamber's sole expense.

PRESENTED BY:

TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:

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Lamar Advertising is currently in a lease on a month-to-month basis with the City for two billboards at 6300 S. Western Avenue, a City-owned vacant parcel located at the intersection of S. Western Avenue and Gage Avenue in CD 8. The City is in the planning process to develop a park at this site, and in order for work to proceed the lease must be terminated and the billboards removed.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of General Services, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to negotiate and execute the termination of the billboard lease at 6300 Western Avenue, and take all steps necessary to facilitate the removal of the two billboards on the site.

PRESENTED BY:

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY:

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### PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT

#### **MOTION**

On June 21, 2013, the City Council adopted the Administrative Citation Enforcement (ACE) Program Ordinance (Council File 10-0085), and requested that the City Attorney's Office develop an ACE Pilot Program. The ordinance called for the "phased implementation" of a Pilot to begin with the Police Department (LAPD) and the Animal Services Department (DAS), and thereafter added in one department at a time, starting with the Housing Department (LAHD) and Building and Safety Department (LADBS). Additional City departments could be added to the program through the approval of the City Council. On November 5, 2014, the City Council adopted an implementation plan for the Pilot, and as part of that plan, requested the City Attorney report back on a quarterly basis on the status of the program.

Housed under the Outreach and Restorative Justice Division, ACE has acted as the non-criminal approach to nuisance abatement transgressions through an issuance of citations and subsequent fines for violations of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), rather than criminalization through arrest, and subsequent incarceration. Historically, ACE violators have also been referred to the Neighborhood Justice Program (NJP) as an alternative adjudication to their citation cases. Currently, the NJP operates virtually and also at 12 in-person locations throughout Los Angeles.

Since its introduction as a Pilot almost a decade ago, there have been impediments to the effective implementation of ACE. With the recent adoption of Council File 23-0244, procedures as granted through the City Charter have allowed for the City Attorney to implement citation forms, administrative procedures, and protocols, while also ensuring that appeals continue to occur through an administrative hearing and that the City designate an outside citation processing company to be involved in this process. The City Council also directed the City Attorney to report on a quarterly basis on the geography and specific code related to the issuance of ACE citations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to report on all of the areas of the Los Angeles Municipal Code in which violations that qualify under ACE can be cited. The report should include any additional expansion of the code that could be applicable through the adoption of Council File 23-0244.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Attorney be requested to report on the status of the Neighborhood Justice Program to date and ways to augment the successful completion of the program.

PRESENTED BY:

TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District

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Tarzana Five, LLC is the owner of five lots located on the east side of Reseda Boulevard between Erwin Street and Bessemer Street, 6130-6230 S. Reseda Boulevard. Each of the five lots is improved with separate 40 dwelling unit structures constructed in 1964.

In 2014, Tarzana Five submitted an application to the City requesting that the City vacate the alley immediately east of the property (VAC-E1401262) (C.F. 15-0100). In March 2021, the Council conditionally approved the vacation, including conditions that would require Tarzana Five to make improvements on Reseda Boulevard and Erwin Street. Specifically, Conditions 6a. and 6b. of the BOE Staff Report ask the owner to construct 15-food wide sidewalks along Reseda Boulevard and Erwin Street. The addition to the sidewalk would take away privacy from ground floor tenants with balconies facing Reseda.

In lieu of the Conditions 6a. and 6b., Tarzana Five has proposed to finance a single bus shelter through the Bureau of Street Services' Sidewalks and Transit Amenities Program, to be located at the existing bus stop adjacent to the Property on the south-east corner of Reseda Boulevard at the intersection of Erwin Street. Additionally, as part of the requirement to finance a single bus shelter, Tarzana Five must also include a bus pad at that bus stop location and work with the Department of Water and Power and Bureau of Street Services to replace the guide wire which is located adjacent to the current bus stop.

Council District 3 has been recognized as one of the most heat-vulnerable areas of the entire Los Angeles region and the greater Western San Fernando Valley lacks a sufficient amount of shade canopy resulting in a higher exposure to heat for bus riders. Not only does this create an uncomfortable experience for bus riders, but it discourages the use of public transit at a time when both the City and State have stated goals of reducing car trips.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council Action of March 23, 2021, relative to the vacation of the alley easterly of Reseda Boulevard from Erwin Street to approximately 153 feet northerly of Bessemer Street (VAC-E1401262) (C.F. 15-0100), BE AMENDED to ADOPT the following conditions in lieu of Conditions 6 a. - b. of the Bureau of Engineering Report dated October 13, 2016:

- 6. That the following improvements be constructed adjoining the petitioner's property in a manner satisfactory to the City Engineer:
  - a. Fund the fabrication and installation of a City Street Transit Amenities Program (STAP) bus shelter to replace and improve an existing bus stop adjacent to the Property at the southeast corner of Reseda Boulevard and Erwin Street, including the dedication of land necessary to widen the sidewalk within the bus stop zone per Bureau of Street Services recommendations.
  - b. Construct a new roadway bus pad on Reseda Boulevard in accordance with Department of Public Works Standard Plan S-433-1 and modify and replace the guide wire adjacent to the existing bus stop per Los Angeles Department of Water and Power requirements and Bureau of Street Services recommendations to allow placement of the STAP bus shelter in a location that avoids conflicts with an existing storm drain.

PRESENTED BY

BOB BLUMENFIEL

Councilmember, District

SECONDED BY:

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The Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) is developing a park project on behalf of the City at the intersection of Western Avenue and Gage Avenue. LANI has applied for an alley vacation for the project on behalf of the City and the Council has initiated vacation proceedings and instructed the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to investigate and report on the feasibility of the vacation request (VAC- E1401436) (C.F. 23-0693).

Under the standard street vacation process, BOE would require the applicant to dedicate portions of the property to the public right-of-way to widen sidewalks and ensure any buildings are set off from the street. However, this project involves the development of a park and the existing sidewalks are already ADA-compliant. In order to maximize this space's use for the proposed public park, BOE should be instructed to waive public right-of-way dedication requirements.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering be instructed to waive the public right-of-way dedication requirements to allow for more space to build the proposed public park project at Western Avenue and Gage Avenue in Council District 8.

PRESENTED BY:

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON Councilmember, 8<sup>th</sup> District

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