

Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding

Friday, August 11, 2023

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

(For further details see Official Council Files)

(For communications referred by the President see Referral Memorandum)

Roll Call

Members Present: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, (10); Absent: de León, Hutt, Price Jr., Raman, Yaroslavsky (5)

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) **23-0703**

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to preparing an ordinance to amend Section 91.105 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to add an exemption for shade structures installed at Department of Recreation and Parks facilities with an area up to 1,300 square feet provided that a structural engineer has determined that the structure meets all applicable safety standards.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (de León – Blumenfield - Lee):

REQUEST the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, to draft an ordinance amending Section 91.105 of the LAMC to add an exemption for shade structures installed at Department of Recreation and Parks facilities with an area up to 1,300 square feet provided that a structural engineer has determined that the structure meets all applicable safety standards.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item Forthwith

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Hutt, Raman (3)

(2) 20-1074-S5

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to preparing a report with recommendations to establish a programmatic Coastal Development Permit for Al Fresco outdoor dining on both private property and in the public right of way in the Coastal Zone.

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

INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, Bureau of Engineering, and in consultation with the City Attorney, and the Coastal Commission, to prepare a report within 60 days with recommendations to establish a programmatic Coastal Development Permit for Al Fresco outdoor dining on both private property and in the public right of way in the Coastal Zone.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Hernandez, Hutt, Rodriguez (3)

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

(3) **23-0819**

MOTION (HUTT - BLUMENFIELD) relative to amending prior Council action of May 25, 2021 regarding Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Budget / Los Angeles Police Department / Reinvest Funds for Impacted Communities (Council file No. 20-0600-S83), as further amended by prior Council action of July 5, 2023 relative to the Fourth Financial Status Report / FY 2022-23 (Council file No. 22-0600-S104), to consolidate three Council District 10 Homeless allocations into one account for homeless services.

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

1. AMEND the prior Council action of May 25, 2021 regarding "FY 2020-21 Budget / Los Angeles Police Department / Reinvest Funds for Impacted Communities" (Council file No. 20-0600-S83) as further amended by the Council action of July 5, 2023 relative to "Fourth Financial Status Report /FY 2022-23" (Council file No. 22-0600-S104), to consolidate into one account three Council District 10 Homeless allocations to be used by Homeless Health Care Los Angeles for homeless services, by approving the following transfers within the General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56:

From:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
000412	CD-10 Encampment to Home (FY 2022-23)	\$135,000
000413	CD-10 South LA Homeless Street Engagement & Coordination Hub	48,000
000415	CD-10 Center for Interagency Policy and Action on Homelessness	<u>43,000</u>

Total: \$226,000

To:	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
000412	CD-10 Encampment to Home (FY 2022-23)	\$226,000

2. DIRECT and AUTHORIZE the City Clerk to prepare, process and execute the necessary document(s) with, and/or payment(s) to Homeless Health Care Los Angeles, or any other agency, organization, or entity, as appropriate, in the above amount, for the above purpose, subject to the approval of the City Attorney, if needed.

3. 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.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Hernandez, Hutt, Rodriguez (3)

(4) **23-0820**

MOTION (McOSKER - LEE) relative to funding for Council District 15 special recognition of Italian American Heritage Month on October 6, 2023, including the illumination of City Hall.

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

TRANSFER and APPROPRIATE \$400 in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 0715 (CD 15 Community Services) to the General Services Fund No. 100/40, Account No. 1070 (Salaries-As Needed), for services in connection with the Council District 15 special recognition of Italian American Heritage Month on October 6, 2023 at City Hall, including the illumination of City Hall.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Hernandez, Hutt, Rodriguez (3)

Items Called Special

Motions for Posting and Referral

Council Members' Requests for Excuse from Attendance at Council Meetings

Adjourning Motions

Council Adjournment

CONTINUED FROM COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2023

Items for which Public Hearings Have Been Held

(5) **23-1200-S132**

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF 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)

Financial Disclosure Statement: Pending.

Background Check: Pending.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

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

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Hernandez, Hutt, Rodriguez (3)

ENDING ROLL CALL

Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, , Park, Price Jr., Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Absent: Hernandez, Hutt, Padilla, Raman, Rodriguez (5)

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
Krekorian	Rodriguez	Captain III Brian Scott Bixler
Harris-Dawson	McOsker	Police Officer III Orlando Levingston
Rodriguez	De Leon	Detective III Dennis Moeller
Raman	Yaroslavsky	Stand Up to Cancer Day
Krekorian	Harris-Dawson	Los Angeles Jazz Society

ADJOURNING MOTIONS

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
Park/McOsker	All Councilmembers	Joshua Bischof
Park/McOsker	All Councilmembers	Tim Rodriguez
Park/McOsker	All Councilmembers	Tony Sousa
Lee/Yaroslavsky	All Councilmembers	Andrew Friedman
Price/Hutt	All Councilmembers	Reverend Thomas C. Hill III
McOsker	All Councilmembers	Nettie Mendoza
Blumenfield/Lee	All Councilmembers	Stacey Kasendorf

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

#51

MOTION

I MOVE that the City Council reaffirm its findings for the reward offer relative to the unsolved murder of Tioni Theus (Council Action of February 1, 2022, C.F. 22-0010-S2) 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.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to publish the reward notice in the "Our Weekly," "Los Angeles Sentinel" and "LA Watts Times," in addition to regular publications used by the City Clerk for reward notices, to ensure adequate community notice.

PRESENTED BY: 

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY: 

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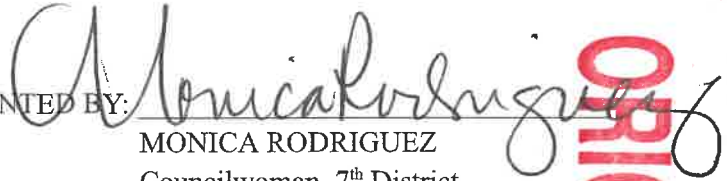
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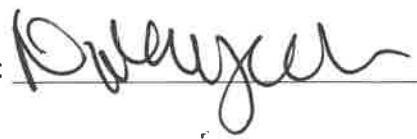
1) CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

#52

MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of modernizing and updating the annual weed and brush abatement process, as recorded under Council File 20-0098, which expired per Council policy, be reactivated and that the matter be restored to its most recent legislative status as of the date of the File's expiration.

PRESENTED BY: 
MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY: 

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Across the nation, more rental units are owned by corporate entities than individuals. In the City of Los Angeles, 43 percent of all rental units are owned by corporate entities. Corporations have been expanding their portfolios to include multifamily housing for decades as a result of the introduction of beneficial tax and regulatory policies. Specifically, Limited Liability Companies (LLCs) are used to provide tax benefits in the context of corporate real property acquisitions, contributing to potential reductions in corporate tax liabilities.

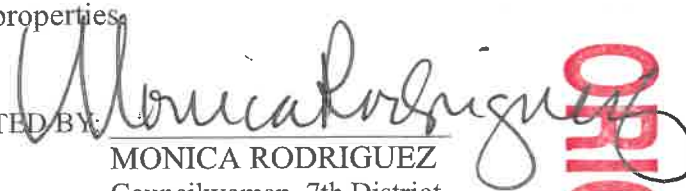
Corporations are driven by financial motives and may prioritize their financial interests over tenant well-being. They often fail to maintain a local presence, making it difficult for renters to interact with their landlords. Rent rates at corporate-owned properties tend to be higher than market average. However, when relatively low rents at these properties do exist, housing quality tends to be poorer, with a lack of maintenance acting as a key driver of profits. Statistically, corporate landlords have had higher tendencies to initiate eviction processes against their tenants.


The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the economy in profound ways. In particular, it has had a significant impact on our city's renters, by driving increased homelessness and worsening the city's housing crisis. Small "mom and pop" landlords have felt the effects as well. Although the eviction moratorium established during the pandemic served to protect the city's vast pool of renters, some individual owners of small rental properties felt the impact of a lack of income. Some mom and pop landlords might opt, or may have already chosen, to transfer ownership of their properties. Such properties could subsequently come under the ownership of corporate landlords.

Where housing is already unaffordable to a large percentage of the population, the purchase and accrual of multifamily rental properties by wealthy, powerful corporations is a threat to the city. Concentration of rental unit ownership with corporations will continue to drive up the price of rent citywide. As the housing crisis continues, it is essential that the city track these types of property transfers and monitor corporatization trends in the city's housing stock.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Housing Department, within 90 days, to conduct a study on concentration of ownership and corporatization trends in the City's housing stock over the last five years, with followup reports by the end of each calendar year thereafter, using both internal and external data sets, that focus on the details of residential property transfers from natural persons to corporate entities. This report should include the number of transfers, transferee details, total number of housing units transferred, and other relevant information.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles Housing Department, with the assistance of the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, report back with recommendations on actions that can be taken or legislation that can be enacted in order to help "mom and pop" landlords retain their properties.

PRESENTED BY: 
MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY: 

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Los Angeles City Hall was opened to the public April 26, 1928. As completed it stands 454 feet high and was the largest building in the City until 1968.

The building was designed by John Parkinson, Albert C. Martin, and John C. Austin. Austin stated upon its completion that the building's design was "Modern American" and did not correspond to a previous era or style, but incorporated many elements to produce a hybrid.

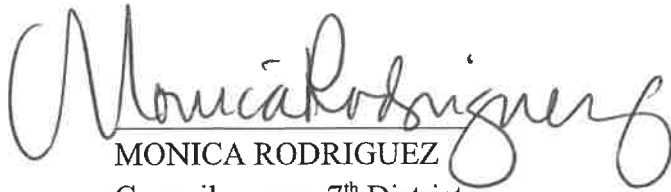
The interior design and decoration of City Hall by architect Austin Whittlesey was envisioned to raise Los Angeles' stature to that of great cities around the world while acknowledging the modern technology of the time, most notably filmmaking, aviation, and automobiles.

City Hall is an iconic symbol of Los Angeles and has been the backdrop of numerous City celebrations and used in many iconic films.


As we approach the 100th anniversary of City Hall it is important that we celebrate the history of City Hall and everything it represents to Angelenos across the City.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Project Restore, with the assistance of the Department of Cultural Affairs, General Service Department, City Administrative Officer, and the Chief Legislative Analyst be directed to begin the process of a suitable commemoration of the 100th anniversary of City Hall.

PRESENTED BY:


MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY:


Paul Kulkov

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In an effort to meet a 100% carbon free renewable energy future as prescribed by the LA100 study, the City must look at every tool at its disposal, and create tools where none exist.

In December 2021, the Board of Public Works approved a design-build on-call bench for solar photovoltaic and energy storage contractors. Since that time, the City has set ambitious goals, including fully electrifying new construction and decarbonizing 1,000 existing City buildings and over 400 City parks by 2035. To ensure that the City meets its self-imposed, as well as mandated obligations, it must consider how it can enlist the expert assistance of Labor, developers, funders, as well as general contractors.

It's important to look at the feasibility and potential benefit of expanding the language in the RFQ for solar photovoltaic and energy storage pre-qualified design - build contractors to include developers and funders, thereby creating an exhaustive list of experts who could stand ready to develop a photovoltaic project from soup to nuts and assist the City as it works toward its sustainability goals. Such expansion has the potential of creating a pathway for a true public private partnership that more evenly distributes scarce resources and accelerates timelines.

Additionally, the Bureau of Engineering is in the process of developing a Building Decarbonization Workplan which aims to catalog every City building and calculate the cost, time and labor it will take to decarbonize a real estate portfolio of this magnitude. Beyond decarbonizing city buildings, the Bureau of Engineering should also include an evaluation of City facilities that could contribute to the acceleration of the City's Feed-in-Tariff program goals. It stands to reason that effectuating the results of this tall task will require additional resources; resources that the City likely cannot afford.

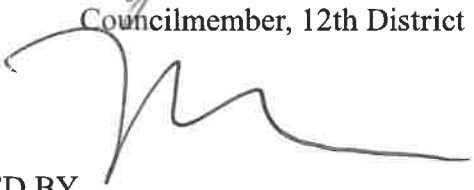
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering report to the Public Works Committee on the feasibility and if there are benefits that could be achieved within the Building Decarbonization Workplan and the City's ambitious sustainability goals by reopening and expanding the solar photovoltaic and energy storage pre-qualified design - build contractors list to include developers and funders.

PRESENTED BY



JOHN S. LEE
Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY



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MOTION

Temescal Canyon Road is a critical north/south thoroughfare in the Pacific Palisades community, linking Sunset Boulevard to Pacific Coast Highway. It appears that the southbound lane of Temescal Canyon Road between Pacific Coast Highway and West Bowdoin Street is experiencing structural instability due to water seepage from the heavy winter rains earlier this year. To address this situation, the Bureau of Engineering has prepared a mitigation plan with an estimated cost of \$800,000 to address the existing problems and fortify the roadway against future damage. Funding, however, must be identified.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer to identify \$800,000 to implement the Bureau of Engineering's mitigation plan for Temescal Canyon Road to address water seepage and roadway damage along its southbound lane between Pacific Coast Highway and West Bowdoin Street.

PRESENTED BY: Traci Park
TRACI PARK
Councilwoman, 11th District

SECONDED BY: Bob Blum

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RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations of 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; and

WHEREAS, 52.8% of Americans use credit card networks such as Visa and Mastercard and are able to earn cashback, points, deals, and other saving options; while 71% of Americans rely heavily on credit incentives as a form of saving, budgeting, and spending; and

WHEREAS, S. 1838 Credit Card Competition Act of 2023, would significantly reduce funding from major credit card networks as their incentives are mostly funded by fees that merchants pay which supply useful rewards to average Americans; and

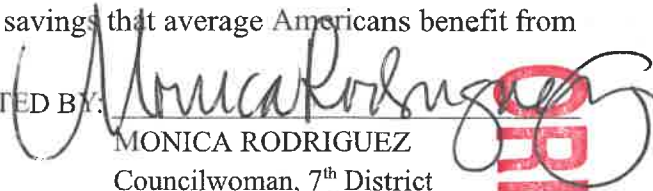
WHEREAS, this bill would provide merchants with an unrestricted choice in selecting a credit card network, thereby allowing them to select the cheapest network; and

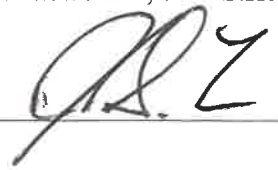
WHEREAS, this practice could potentially threaten the safety and security of transactions that common credit card networks provide, and enable large merchants to save money on fees at the consumers expense; and

WHEREAS, S. 1838 would require large banks to partner with at least two networks, one being other than Mastercard, Visa, Discovery, or Amex; and

WHEREAS, S. 1838 would create a domino effect as banks would recoup revenue losses from credit card networks by increasing fees on checking accounts which would negatively affect average and low-income Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSITION of S. 1838, Credit Card Competition Act of 2023, which would require large banks to partner with at least two networks at least one of which is other than Mastercard, Visa, Discovery, or Amex, in turn allowing merchants to select an inferior credit card network which may significantly limit consumer rewards and savings that average Americans benefit from and threaten the safety of transactions.

PRESENTED BY: 
MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY: 


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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 government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, existing law identifies the California state highway system through a description of segments of roads that are owned and operated by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); and

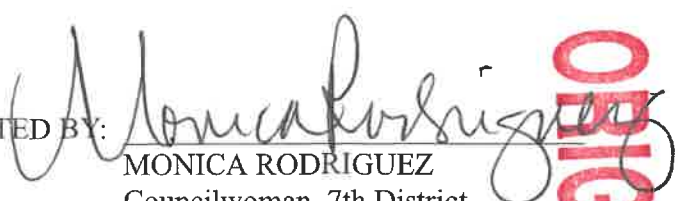
WHEREAS, California State Route (SR 210) follows the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains for approximately 85 miles, connecting the northeastern suburbs of Los Angeles with the Inland Empire; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2023, Assembly Member Holden introduced AB 776, which would require Caltrans to work with certain entities, including, but not limited to, California Indian tribes local to, or historically located along, State Route 210, to identify appropriate locations for signs to recognize tribal lands in Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties and designate the highway as the Southern California Native American Freeway; and

WHEREAS, AB 776 acknowledges the tribal cultural affiliations along Route 210 including Cahuilla, Chumash, Gabrieleno/Tongva, Fernandeño/Tataviam and Serrano and includes findings and declarations related to the role Native Americans have played in the state and country's culture and success; and

WHEREAS, the bill's acknowledgment of indigenous lands provides exposure and a learning opportunity for individuals who may have never heard the names of the tribes, acknowledges the land is indigenous/tribal protocol, and establishes a respectful routine and habit of supporting reconciliation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Assembly Bill 776 (Holden) that would require Caltrans to work with California Indian tribes local to, or historically located along State Route 210, to identify appropriate locations for signs to recognize tribal lands and designate the highway as the Southern California Native American Freeway.

PRESENTED BY: 
MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

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