# Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding Friday, September 15, 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, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Absent: de León, McOsker, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez (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) **22-1507-S4** 

PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND HIRING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to amendments to Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) for Bargaining Units 03, 04, 08, 14, 15, 17, 18, 34, 36, and 37.

Recommendations for Council action:

- 1. APPROVE the attached Amendments to MOUs for Bargaining Units 03, 04, 08, 14, 15, 17, 18, 34, 36, and 37.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Controller and the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to correct any clerical errors in the MOUs, or make necessary technical corrections subsequent to City Council approval.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that implementation of the MOU amendments for the subject bargaining units will result in an additional six-month cost to the City of approximately \$898,000 for the Service Employees International Union (MOUs 04, 08, 14, 15, 17, 18 and 36) consisting of approximately 8,700 unit members, and approximately \$180,000 for the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, District Council 36, Locals 3090 and 3672 (MOUs 03 and 37), consisting of approximately 6,100 members. There is no projected immediate cost for the implementation of the MOU amendments for the Teamsters (MOU 34) with approximately 450 Crossing Guards. These funds will be expensed by the City departments that employ members from the subject bargaining units within their authorized budgets.

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

#### Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, Padilla, Park, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, McOsker, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez (5)

#### (2) **23-0922**

PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND HIRING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the re-exemption of one Director of Police Training and Education position (Class Code 2383) for the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) from the Civil Service pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b).

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the exemption of one Director of Police Training and Education position (Class Code 2383) for the LAPD from the Civil Service pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b).

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> None submitted by the Mayor. 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.

TIME LIMIT FILE - SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

#### (LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - SEPTEMBER 27, 2023)

#### Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, Padilla, Park, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, McOsker, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez (5)

#### (3) **22-0159**

PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND HIRING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to impediments that delay the hiring of individuals through the Targeted Local Hire Program.

Recommendations for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the August 9, 2023 Personnel Department report, inasmuch as this report is for information only and no Council action is required.

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

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

#### **Adopted Item**

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, Padilla, Park, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, McOsker, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez (5)

#### (4) 23-0420

PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND HIRING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to vacancy rates in City Departments.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the August 10, 2023 and August 31, 2023 Personnel Department reports, inasmuch as these reports are for information only and no Council action is required.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:

Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council

#### **Adopted Item**

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

# (5) **23-0726**

CDs 2, 4, 6, 7

TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to adding the Streets of Significance within Area W, which will encompass the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Project to the Major Transit and Transportation Construction Impact Areas, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 62.250.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the June 21, 2023 Board of Public Works report, 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, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, Padilla, Park, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, McOsker, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez (5)

(6) **23-0832** 

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (DE LEÓN – HARRIS-DAWSON) relative to designating the intersection at Spring and Second Streets as "Willis O. Tyler Square".

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

(Visit www.lacouncilfile.com for background documents.)

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Public Works Committee Report - SEE ATTACHED Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, Padilla, Park, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, McOsker, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez (5)

# (7) **23-1200-S136**

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the appointment of Nareg Gourdikian to the South Valley Area Planning Commission (SVAPC).

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's appointment of Nareg Gourdikian to the SVAPC for the term ending June 30, 2028, is APPROVED and CONFIRMED. Appointee currently resides in Council District Four. Nareg Gourdikian will fill the vacancy created by the departure of Anna Mendjian. (Current composition: M = 1; F = 4)

Financial Disclosure Statement: Filed

Background Check: Pending

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

TIME LIMIT FILE - SEPTEMBER 25\*, 2023

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - SEPTEMBER 19\*, 2023)

\*Journal Correction

#### Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, Padilla, Park, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, McOsker, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez (5)

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

(8) **23-0300** 

RESOLUTION relative to the Declaration of Emergency by the Mayor, dated March 14, 2023, concerning rainstorms causing flooding from extreme runoff and resulting in the partial collapse of a portion of a Los Angeles Aqueduct wall, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 8.27.

Recommendation for Council action:

Adopt the accompanying RESOLUTION to:

- 1. Resolve that a local emergency regarding rainstorms causing flooding from extreme runoff and resulting in the partial collapse of a portion of a Los Angeles Aqueduct wall existed throughout the Cityowned lands adjacent to the City's Los Angeles Aqueduct, its watergathering facilities and air-quality control facilities located in Mono, Inyo, Kern, and Los Angeles Counties and in the City of Los Angeles, within the meaning of LAAC Section 8.21, et seq., at the time of the Mayor's March 14, 2023, Declaration of Local Emergency, which the City Council hereby ratifies.
- 2. Resolve that because the local emergency continues to exist within the City, within the meaning of LAAC Section 8.21, et seq., there is a need to continue the declared state of local emergency, which the City Council hereby ratifies and continues through 30 days from the adoption of this Resolution.
- 3. In accordance with LAAC Section 8.21 et seq., instruct and request all appropriate City departments, agencies, and personnel to continue to perform all duties and responsibilities to represent the City in this matter to prevent and abate the emergency and receive, process, and coordinate all inquiries and requirements necessary to

obtain whatever State and Federal assistance that may become available to the City and/or to the citizens of the City who may be affected by the emergency.

- Instruct the General Manager, Emergency Management Department, to advise the Mayor and City Council on the need to extend the state of local emergency.
- 5. Insofar as the public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public funds to safeguard life, health, or property in response to the local emergency and mitigation efforts related to the local emergency, the competitive bidding restrictions enumerated in Charter Sections 371 and 372, and LAAC Sections 10.15 and 10.17, are hereby suspended until April 21, 2023 or the termination of the state of emergency, whichever comes first, for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to authorize and order any action relative to the procurement of construction contracts, supplies, and equipment but only if monies for related payments be drawn from LADWP's proprietary funds.
- 6. Request the LADWP to report to the City Council every two weeks on the reasons justifying why such aforesaid action was necessary to respond to the emergency, including why the emergency did not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids or proposals, and why competitive proposals or bidding was not reasonably practicable or compatible with the City's interests.
- 7. Instruct the City Clerk to forward copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of California, the Director of the Office of Emergency Services of the State of California, the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Adopted Motion (Blumenfield – McOsker) to note and file the Emergency Declaration Resolution - SEE ATTACHED Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Price Jr., Rodriguez (2)

#### (9) **23-0869**

RESOLUTION relative to the Declaration of Emergency by the Mayor, dated August 19, 2023, concerning extreme conditions caused by Tropical Storm Hilary, such as power outages, damage to power lines, fallen trees, and damaging floodwaters, including a commercial stretch of Melrose Avenue in Los Angeles, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 8.27.

Recommendation for Council action:

Adopt the accompanying RESOLUTION to:

- Resolve that a local emergency regarding extreme conditions caused by Tropical Storm Hilary, such as power outages, damage to power lines, fallen trees, and damaging floodwaters, including a commercial stretch of Melrose Avenue in Los Angeles, within the meaning of LAAC Section 8.21, et seq., at the time of the Mayor's August 19, 2023, Declaration of Local Emergency, which the City Council hereby ratifies.
- 2. Resolve that because the local emergency continues to exist within the City, within the meaning of LAAC Section 8.21, et seq., there is a need to continue the declared state of local emergency, which the City Council hereby ratifies.
- 3. In accordance with LAAC Section 8.21 et seq., instruct and request all appropriate City departments, agencies, and personnel to continue to perform all duties and responsibilities to represent the City in this matter to prevent and abate the emergency and receive, process, and coordinate all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain whatever State and Federal assistance that may become available to the City and/or to the citizens of the City who may be affected by the emergency.
- 4. Instruct the General Manager, Emergency Management Department, to advise the Mayor and City Council on the need to extend the state of local emergency.
- 5. Instruct the City Clerk, unless and until Council directs otherwise or discontinues the state of emergency, to timely agendize this matter

so that Council may consider whether to continue the state of emergency.

6. Instruct the City Clerk to forward copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of California, the Director of the Office of Emergency Services of the State of California, the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

## **Adopted Item**

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

(10) **13-1049** 

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR relative to the reappointment of Eric Eisenberg to the Board of Transportation Commissioners.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's reappointment of Eric Eisenberg to the Board of Transportation Commissioners, for the term ending June 30, 2028, is APPROVED and CONFIRMED. Eric Eisenberg's term expired on June 30, 2023. Appointee currently resides in Council District 15. (Composition: F = 3; M = 4)

Financial Disclosure Statement: Filed

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

TIME LIMIT FILE - SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - SEPTEMBER 19, 2023)

[Scheduled pursuant to Council Rule 46(b)]

Continued Item to September 19, 2023

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, Padilla, Park,

Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, McOsker, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez (5)

#### (11) **23-1200-S135**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR relative to the appointment of Kelly Besser to the Board of Library Commissioners.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's appointment of Kelly Besser to the Board of Library Commissioners, for the term ending June 30, 2028, is APPROVED and CONFIRMED. Kelly Besser will fill the vacancy created by the departure of Bich Ngoc Cao. Appointee currently resides in Council District 1. (Current Composition: F=4; M=1).

Financial Disclosure Statement: Filed

Background Check: Pending

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**TIME LIMIT FILE - SEPTEMBER 25, 2023** 

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - SEPTEMBER 19, 2023)

[Scheduled pursuant to Council Rule 46(b)]

#### Adopted Item

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

# (12) **16-0528**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR relative to the reappointment of Debra Wehbe to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's reappointment of Debra Wehbe to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, for the term ending June 30, 2028, is

APPROVED and CONFIRMED. Appointee currently resides in Council District 13. (Current Composition: F=3; M=3; Vacant=1).

Financial Disclosure Statement: Filed

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

#### TIME LIMIT FILE - SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - SEPTEMBER 19, 2023)

[Scheduled pursuant to Council Rule 46(b)]

#### **Adopted Item**

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

(13) **22-1528-S1 CD 15** 

MOTION (McOSKER – HUTT) relative to a street banner program to promote the Centennial Anniversary of the Watts Towers and to celebrate over 100 years of museum and arts education in Los Angeles from October 2023 – December 2023.

Recommendations for Council action:

- 1. APPROVE the Street Banner program being coordinated by the Department of Cultural Affairs Watts Towers Arts Center Campus to celebrate over 100 years of museum and arts education in Los Angeles, as well as to promote the Centennial Anniversary of the Watts Towers, as a City of Los Angeles Non-event Street Banner Program for the period of October 2023 – December 2023.
- 2. APPROVE the content of the attached street banner designs, attached to the Motion.

#### **Adopted Item**

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

(14) **23-0839** 

CD 11

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (PARK – YAROSLAVSKY) relative to identifying additional funds for water erosion repair work on Temescal Canyon Road.

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

- 1. ESTABLISH a new capital project entitled "Temescal Canyon Road Repair Project" and transfer/appropriate \$395,912 within the Proposition C Anti-Gridlock Transit Improvement Fund No. 540/94 from Erosion Control for Hillside Damage Account No. 94YC18 to a new account entitled "Temescal Canyon Road Repair Project" for water erosion repair work on Temescal Canyon Road
- AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee waived consideration of the matter)

Adopted Item

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

Items Called Special

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

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

**Adjourning Motions - SEE ATTACHED** 

**Council Adjournment** 

#### **ENDING ROLL CALL**

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

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, CITY CLERK

Ву

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

# **COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS**

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
McOsker	Lee	Firefighter/Inspector John
		Williams
Padilla	Soto-Martínez	Ernesto Medrano
Yaroslavsky	McOsker	Holly J. Mitchell
Yaroslavsky	McOsker	Christine Essel
Yaroslavsky	McOsker	Corinne Verdery
Yaroslavsky	McOsker	Pedro J. Pizarro

# **ADJOURNING MOTIONS**

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
Hutt	All Councilmembers	Thelma Louise Walker
Hutt	All Councilmembers	Karen Lavette Wiley
		McDonald

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

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

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council adopt the following actions:

- 1. Transfer / appropriate \$120,000 in the Council District 12 portion of the Neighborhood Service Enhancements line item General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56, to the LASAN Fund No. 100-82, Account No. 1010 (Salaries General) to be used for additional Sanitation services in Council District 12.
- 2. Authorize LASAN to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections / clarifications / changes may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

PRESENTED BY

JOHN'S. LEE

Councilmember, 12<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY Kalk &



Council District 10 is coordinating a street banner campaign. The purpose of the street banner campaign is to promote the Korean Festival and encourage community participation.

This effort is of special benefit for the residents of the City and deserves financial assistance from the City.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council, in accordance with Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 62.132, approve the Street Banner program being coordinated by Council District 10, as a City of Los Angeles Event Street Banner Program for the period of October 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council approve the content of the attached street banner design.

I FURTHER MOVE that \$8,465.12 in the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281210 (CD 10 Redevelopment Projects – Services), be utilized to pay for the printing and installation of street banners to highlight the Korean Festival; and authorize the payment to the AmGraph Group in the above amount for the above purpose.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst be authorized to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above fund payment instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

PRESENTED BY:

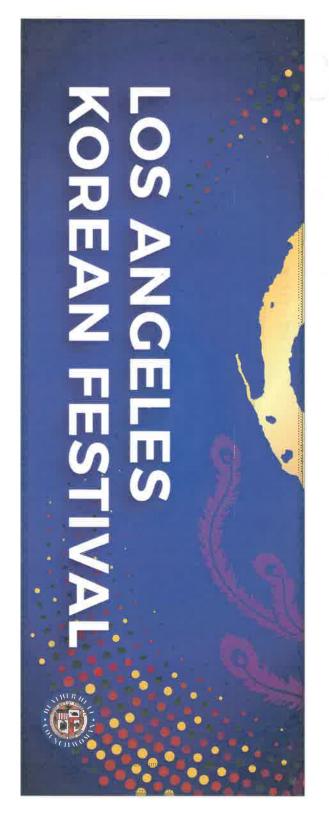
HEATHER HUTT

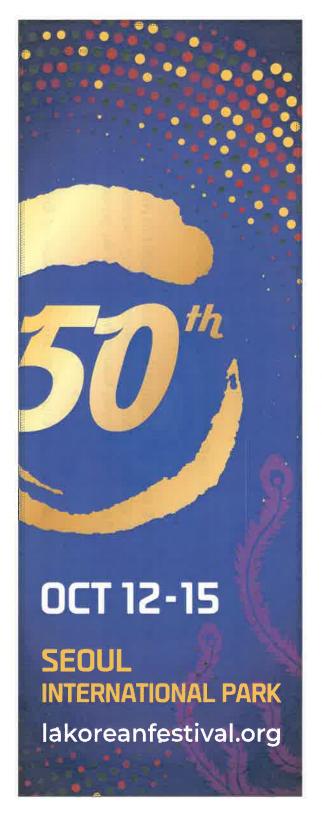
Councilwoman, 10th District

SECONDED BY



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

#### MOTION

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) distributes grants that promote sustaining and restoring communities by providing financial assistance to assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse contaminated properties (brownfields). Brownfields are properties whose redevelopment or reuse is complicated by the presence or the potential presence of hazardous substances or other contaminants. The EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant provides funding to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites.

In 2019 and 2020, Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment's (LASAN) Citywide Brownfields Program was awarded two (2) \$500,000 EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grants to be used for a portion of the site remediation at Taylor Yard G2 Parcel. LASAN will front fund the grants from the Integrated Solid Waste Management Fund No. 556, Department No. 50, Appropriation Unit No. 50RMTY.

The Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and LASAN have worked with the Los Angeles General Services Department (GSD) to select a contractor for the asbestos abatement portion of the remediation work on the G2 Parcel. A transfer of \$534,675 from LASAN to GSD is required to **fund the contracted services** to initiate the asbestos abatement portion of the remediation work at the Taylor Yard G2 Parcel.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the Controller to transfer \$564,699.58 from the Integrated Solid Waste Management Fund No. 556, Department No. 50, Appropriation Unit No. 50RMTY, to the following accounts in the General Services Department No. 40, General Fund No. 100 to initiate the asbestos abatement portion of the remediation work at the Taylor Yard G2 Parcel:

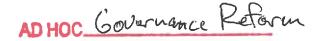
Account No.	Account Name	Amount
001014,	Salaries Construction Projects	\$ 4,564.18
003180,	Construction Materials and Supplies	\$ 560,135.40
	Total:	\$ 564,699.58

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council authorize the Controller to transfer \$86,719.33 from the Early Activation Project MICLA FY 16/17 Fund No. 298, Department No. 50, Appropriation Unit No. 50STYG to the General Services Department No. 40, General Fund No. 100, to reimburse the General Services Department for anticipated overhead costs related to the supervision of the contractor's work.

I FURTHER MOVE to authorize the LASAN and BOE to make any necessary technical and/or accounting corrections to the recommendations above to effectuate the intent of the Mayor and City Council, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer.



PRESENTED BY:	EUNISSES HERNANDEZ Councilmember, 1st District
SECONDED BY:	loty Carolyles



# **BUDGET & FINANCE**

As our City deals with a crisis of faith in government, one of the most important tools we have to both hold our government accountable and restore Angelenos' trust is our City Ethics Commission. This Commission is codified in our City Charter, whose language outlines its responsibilities, including "to make recommendations to the Mayor and the Council concerning campaign finance reform, lobbying, governmental ethics and conflicts of interest," "to assist departments in developing their conflict of interest codes," and, perhaps most notably, "to have full charge and control of its office, to be responsible for its proper administration, to submit annually a proposed budget and to expend the funds of the office."

The Ethics Commission has an operating budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget of \$5,432,708, which funds only 45 staff positions. While the funding for the Matching Funds program is not included in this operating budget, the Ethics Commission has never been provided additional staffing capacity to administer that program. As this Council discusses issues such as Council expansion and the creation of an Independent Redistricting Commission, the Ethics Commission has been invoked countless times as a necessary entity to help support and enforce the processes and regulations this Council is hoping to enact.

City residents deserve to have faith in their municipal government, and a stable, adequately-funded, and independent Ethics Commission would be a significant step in the right direction. The more independently this Commission can operate, the more Angelenos will be able to trust that its actions are un-corrupted. Having a consistent, reliable funding source for the Commission would ensure that we can have the most robust Ethics oversight possible in this City.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to report on the feasibility of establishing a budgeting process outside of the Mayor's annual budget process, using the Library Department as a potential model, so as to ensure a stable, apolitical funding source for the Ethics Commission, understanding that any change could require Charter reform.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council request the CLA and City Administrative Officer (CAO), in consultation with the Ethics Commission, report on an analysis of the total operating budget necessary for the Commission to effectively and thoroughly carry out its responsibilities, Charter-defined and otherwise, as a result of the additional duties that could be included in the event of an Independent Redistricting Commission and expanded Council.

PRESENTED BY

EUNISSES HERNANDEZ Councilmember, 1st District SECONDED BY:



The Los Angeles Department of Animal Services (DAS) is facing a dire and inhumane crisis in our shelters. One of the most visible pieces of this crisis is the overcrowding of animals in these shelters. While there are myriad factors that have gotten us to where we are today - from a dearth of pet-friendly rental units to insufficient numbers of pets being spayed and neutered - a pressing issue that is within the City's immediate control is the issuance of breeding permits.

As of July 31, 2023, DAS had issued a total of 1,141 breeding permits for this calendar year, with many more projected to be issued by the end of 2023.

Each cat litter yields an average of 6 kittens, while a dog litter averages 4 puppies, depending on the size of the dog. Cats can become pregnant as early as 4 months of age and have their first litter at 6 months. In 7 years, a cat can produce litters that themselves procreate to produce 420,000 cats— and this is especially visible in numerous parts of our City's streets where colonies of cats are often left to suffer from diseases, getting run over, or left to starve. Over a thousand breeding permits in the first seven months of the year represents at least 4,500 animals.

In addition to permitted breeding, our City deals with unpermitted and thus unregulated breeding. Because the City has no way of truly knowing how vast the problem is, we cannot estimate how many animals are entering our City and our shelters via those illegally operating breeders.

What we do know is how many babies one animal is capable of having. A dog goes into breeding season 1 to 2 times per year, meaning one dog could produce an average of 8 puppies per year. One cat can have 3 to 4 litters a year, and can become pregnant again as soon as they have given birth.

Breeding is not only an issue of decreased outflow from the shelter system, but of potential increased inflow as well. If owners of breeder-purchased pets encounter the heartbreaking crisis, for any number of reasons, of needing to surrender their animal, those pets will likely end up in our DAS shelters, adding further stress to the system.

Our approach to addressing this overcrowding crisis must be multi-pronged, but stemming the increase in breeding permits can have a massive long term impact on solving the problem. It is unacceptable that the City of Los Angeles continues to issue breeding permits while there are thousands of animals suffering in overcrowded conditions within our shelters.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney's Office, in consultation with the Department of Animal Services be requested to prepare and present an ordinance in 15 days amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 53.15.2 of Article 3, Chapter V to place an immediate and indefinite moratorium on the issuance of new breeding permits.



I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney's Office, in consultation with the Department of Animal Services be requested to prepare and present an ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 53.15.2 of Article 3, Chapter V to allow the Department of Animal Services to limit the issuance of breeding permits at the discretion of the General Manager, should the ordinance to place an immediate and indefinite moratorium on the issuance of breeding permits take more than 30 days to prepare and present.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Animal Services (DAS) report back within 30 days on:

- Number of illegal breeding reports received in the last calendar year;
- Number of illegal breeding citations issued in the last calendar year;
- Total amount of money collected from these citations;
- Fee structure and dollar amounts for illegal breeding infractions in other comparable cities:
- List of cities that have placed moratoriums on the issuance of breeding permits; and

List of cities that bave banned outright the issuance of breeding permits

PRESENTED BY:

EUNISSES HERNANDEZ

Councilmember, 1st District

Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:

The Maya Corridor Project (Project) in Council District 1 is a streetscape improvement project that not only looks to achieve public infrastructure improvements and celebrate the rich cultural history of the Latino and indigenous communities. The Project is located along 6th Street from Park View Street to Lorna Drive and is aimed at highlighting and celebrating the Maya culture.

The proposed streetscape improvements include new tree wells, new trees, upgraded curb ramps, sidewalk repairs, and wayfinding signage. Also included in the proposed scope of work are various cultural placemaking elements such as Maya-inspired gateway arch monuments, custom crosswalks and scrambles, decorative sidewalk paving, custom bus safety lights, and other infrastructure amenities.

Our Bureau of Street Services is the project manager and at this time requests the assistance of other departments for technical and labor support.

I THEREFORE MOVE that existing funding for the Maya Corridor project with the Bureau of Street service in the amount of \$383,033 be transferred from Street Services Fund No. 100/54 Account No. 00T790 (Construction Expense), to the General Services Dept No. 40 Fund No. 100 to be used for the construction and installation of gateway monument footings for the above project.

# General Services Dept. No. 40 Fund No. 100

Account No. 001101, Hiring Hall Construction	\$ 54,461
Account No. 001121, Benefits Hiring Hall Construction	\$ 26,989
Account No. 003180, Construction Materials	\$ 301,583

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services, and / or the General Services Department 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:

EUNISSES HERNANDEZ,

Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY:



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to designating the intersection at Spring and Second Streets as "Willis O. Tyler Square."

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (de leon – Harris-Dawson):

- 1. DESIGNATE the intersection at intersection at Spring and Second Streets in downtown Los Angeles as "Willis O. Tyler Square."
- 2. DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to erect permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at this location.

<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

#### SUMMARY

At the meeting held on September 13, 2023, your Public Works Committee considered a Motion (de leon – Harris-Dawson) relative to designating the intersection at Spring and Second Streets as "Willis O. Tyler Square."

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the Motion, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE YES BLUMENFIELD YES RAMAN YES

ME

-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-

I HEREBY MOVE that Council NOTE and FILE the Resolution relative to the Declaration of Emergency by the Mayor, dated March 14, 2023, concerning rainstorms causing flooding from extreme runoff and resulting in the partial collapse of a portion of a Los Angeles Aqueduct wall, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 8.27.

PRESENTED BY

BOB BLUMENFIELD

Councilmember, 3rd District

PRESENTED BY

TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District

September 15, 2023 CF 23-0300