

**Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding**

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023**

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

(For further details see Official Council Files)

**(For communications referred by the President see Referral Memorandum)**

**Roll Call**

**Members Present: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Absent: Krekorian, Rodriguez, (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) **23-1076  
CD 14**

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to an offer to dedicate an easement for sidewalk purposes on 401 East 6th Street - Right of Way No. 36000-10248 (Dedication).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the Dedication is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 pursuant to Article III, Class 5(4) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.
2. ACCEPT the petitioner's offer for the Dedication, substantially as shown on the Exhibit Map of the September 28, 2023 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file.

3. AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works to acquire the Dedication.
4. **INSTRUCT the City Clerk to forward a copy of the Council action on this project to the Bureau of Engineering, Real Estate Division for processing.**

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that a \$3,416.51 fee for processing this report was paid pursuant to Sections 7.3 and 7.41.1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code. No additional City funds are needed.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**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)**

(2) **23-1102  
CD 11**

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to an offer to dedicate an easement for sidewalk purposes on 17310 West Vereda De La Montura - Right of Way No. 36000-10216 (Dedication).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the Dedication is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 pursuant to Article III, Class 5(19) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.
2. ACCEPT the petitioner's offer for the Dedication, substantially as shown on the Exhibit Map of the October 5, 2023 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file.
3. AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works to acquire the Dedication.

4. **INSTRUCT the City Clerk to forward a copy of the Council action on this project to the Bureau of Engineering, Real Estate Division for processing.**

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that a \$3,416.51 fee for processing this report was paid pursuant to Sections 7.3 and 7.41.1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code. No additional City funds are needed.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**Adopted Item Forthwith**

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

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

(3) **23-1069**

EXEMPTION and ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the initial authorization to issue up to \$1.189 billion in Water System Revenue Bonds.

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

1. FIND that the matter is exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15060(c)(3). In accordance with this Section, an activity is not subject to CEQA if it does not meet the definition of a project. Section 15378(b)(4) states that government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment do not meet that definition. Therefore, the issuance of Water System Revenue Bonds is not subject to CEQA.
2. CONCUR with the Board of Water and Power Commissioners

(Board) action on September 26, 2023, approving Resolution No. 5036, which provides initial authority to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to issue up to \$1.189 billion in tax-exempt Water System Revenue Bonds to fund a portion of the Water System Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years (FY) 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that there is no impact to the General Fund. Approval of the proposed initial resolution authorizes the issuance of up to \$1.189 billion in Water Bonds to finance a portion of the LADWP Water System Capital Improvement Program for FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25. At a future Board meeting, the LADWP intends to present a supplemental resolution with specific terms and conditions, including any potential rate actions for approval. The total fiscal impact is \$2.46 billion over 30 years including repayment of the bonds, interests and \$5.2 million of debt issuance costs. Repayment of these costs will be from the LADWP Water Revenue Fund.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations comply with the LADWP's adopted financial policies.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE - OCTOBER 27, 2023**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - OCTOBER 27, 2023)**

**Adopted Item**

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

(4) **23-1065**

EXEMPTION and ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the initial authorization to issue up to \$2.119 billion in Power System Revenue Bonds.

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

1. FIND that the matter is exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15060(c)(3). In accordance with this Section, an activity is not subject to CEQA if it does not meet the definition of a project. Section 15378(b)(4) states that government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment do not meet that definition. Therefore, the issuance of Power System Revenue Bonds is not subject to CEQA.
2. CONCUR with the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) action on September 26, 2023, approving Resolution No. 5035, which provides initial authority to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to issue up to \$2.119 billion in tax-exempt Power System Revenue Bonds to fund a portion of the Power System Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years (FY) 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that there is no impact to the General Fund. Approval of the proposed initial resolution authorizes the issuance of up to \$2.119 billion in Power Bonds to finance a portion of the LADWP Power System Capital Improvement Program for FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25. At a future Board meeting, the LADWP intends to present a supplemental resolution with specific terms and conditions, including any potential rate actions for approval. The total fiscal impact is \$4.4 billion over 30 years including repayment of the bonds, interests and \$9.2 million of debt issuance costs. Repayment of these costs will be from the LADWP Power Revenue Fund.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations comply with the LADWP's adopted financial policies.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE - OCTOBER 27, 2023**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - OCTOBER 27, 2023)**

**Adopted Item**

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

(5) **23-0911  
CD 8**

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a Revocation appeal filed for the discontinuance of the motel known as the New Bay Motel operation, located at 8301 South Figueroa Street.

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

1. DETERMINE, based on the whole of the administrative record as supported by the justification prepared and found in the case file, the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15321, of the State's CEQA Guidelines for enforcement actions by regulatory agencies and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that any exceptions contained in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines regarding location, cumulative impacts, significant effects or unusual circumstances, scenic highways, or hazardous waste sites, or historical resources apply.
2. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Department of City Planning (DCP), Zoning Administrator, as the Findings of Council.
3. RESOLVE TO DENY THE APPEAL filed by Bhavin and Hiralkumar Patel (Representative: Frank A. Weiser), and THEREBY SUSTAIN the determination of the Zoning Administrator, pursuant to Section 12.27.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, in requiring the discontinuance of the motel known as the New Bay Motel and any similar land uses at the property located at 8301 South Figueroa Street, Condition Nos. 1 (Revocation Fee), 2 (Covenant Recording), 3 (Change in Ownership), and 4 (Application Filing) shall become effective for the subject property.

Applicant: City of Los Angeles

Case No. DIR-2023-1695-RV-1A

Environmental No. ENV-2023-1696-CE

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the DCP. 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 - NOVEMBER 8, 2023**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - NOVEMBER 8, 2023)**

**Adopted Item**

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

(6) **17-0981-S11  
CD 7**

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to activating a new streamlined permitting land use regulatory process, the Restaurant Beverage Program-Sensitive Use Zone, in Council District Seven.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Rodriguez - McOsker):

1. RESOLVE, that by adoption of the Resolution attached to the Council file, inclusive of the Map (Exhibit A) and Findings (Exhibit B) attached to the Resolution, the Council hereby activates a new streamlined permitting land use regulatory process, the Restaurant Beverage Program-Sensitive Use Zone, wherein the sale of alcohol shall be limited to beer and wine during the one-year provisional period, that shall be in force and full effect in the geographical boundaries attached in Exhibit A.
2. RESOLVE, that based on the Findings outlined in Exhibit B relative

to the geographic boundaries found in the Exhibit A maps, the Restaurant Beverage Program-Sensitive Use Zone is in conformity with the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice.

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, Hernandez, Hutt, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (14); Nays: (0); Absent: Krekorian (1)**

(7) **23-1036**

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a contract with MCI Communications Services, LLC, dba Verizon Business Services, for the provision of Citywide data communication and network services.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Information Technology Agency (ITA), or designee, to execute a Personal Services Contract with MCI Communications Services, LLC, dba Verizon Business Services, for the provision of Citywide data communication and network services in an amount not to exceed \$11,700,000 and a term effective from the date of execution through April 13, 2025, with three one-year options to extend, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that funding for the proposed contract is available in ITA's Communication Services Account as part of the funding approved for Citywide telecommunications services in the 2023-24 Adopted Budget. There is no additional impact to the General Fund.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the above recommendation is in compliance with the City's Financial Policies as



contract expenditures are limited to the appropriation of funds made by the City for this purpose.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**TIME LIMIT FILE - NOVEMBER 24, 2023**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - NOVEMBER 14, 2023)**

**Adopted Item**

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

**Absent: Krekorian (1)**

(8) **23-0964**

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a Personal Services Contract with Ashpaugh and Sculco, CPAs, PLC, for public, educational, and governmental fee auditing services.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Information Technology Agency (ITA), or designee, to execute a Personal Services Contract with Ashpaugh and Sculco, CPAs, PLC in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, for a term of three years effective April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2026 with two one-year options to extend, to provide public, educational, and governmental fee auditing services, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that funding for the proposed contract is available in ITA's Contractual Services Account as part of the funding approved in the 2023-24 Adopted Budget for Cable Franchise Oversight. There is no additional impact to the General Fund.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the above recommendation is in compliance with the City's Financial Policies as contract expenditures are limited to the appropriation of funds made by the City for this purpose.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**TIME LIMIT FILE - NOVEMBER 10, 2023**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - NOVEMBER 8, 2023)**

**Adopted Item**

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

(9) **20-1152  
CD 10**

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to various actions in connection with the Adams Terrace Apartments Project located at 4314 West Adams Boulevard in Council District 10.

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

1. NOTE and FILE the October 4, 2023 Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) report relative to the reissuance of tax-exempt multifamily conduit revenue bonds for the Adams Terrace Apartments Project.
2. CONSIDER the results of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA) hearing held on October 4, 2023 for the Adams Terrace Apartments Project as detailed in the October 12, 2023 City Administrative Officer (CAO) report, attached to the Council File.
3. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION authorizing the reissuance of up to \$33,769,000 in tax-exempt multifamily conduit revenue bonds for development of the Adams Terrace Apartments Project.
4. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LAHD, or designee, to negotiate and execute the relevant financing documents for the Adams

Terrace Apartments Project, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that there will be no impact to the General Fund as a result of the reissuance of these multifamily conduit revenue bonds for Adams Terrace Apartments Project. The City is a conduit issuer and does not incur liability for the repayment of the bonds, which are a limited obligation payable solely from the revenues of the Project, and the City is not, under any circumstances, obligated to make payments on the bonds.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations contained in the October 12, 2023 CAO report, attached to the Council File, comply with the City's Financial Policies.

Debt Impact Statement: The CAO reports that there is no debt impact as these bonds are a conduit issuance debt and not a debt of the City.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**Adopted Item**

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

(10) **20-1308  
CD 14**

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the issuance of supplemental tax-exempt multifamily conduit revenue notes for La Guadalupe Apartments project (Project) located at 1800 East 1st Street in Council District 14, and related matters.

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

1. NOTE and FILE the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) report dated October 3, 2023, attached to the Council file, relative to the issuance of supplemental tax-exempt multifamily conduit revenue

notes for the Project.

2. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION, attached to the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report dated October 13, 2023 in the Council file, authorizing the issuance of up to \$5,489,817 in supplemental tax-exempt multifamily conduit revenue notes for the Project.
3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LAHD, or designee, to negotiate and execute the relevant financing documents for the Project, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that there will be no impact to the General Fund as a result of the issuance of these supplemental tax-exempt multifamily conduit revenue notes for the Project. The City is a conduit issuer and does not incur liability for the repayment of the notes, which are a limited obligation payable solely from the revenues of the Project, and the City is not, under any circumstances, obligated to make payments on the notes.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations stated in the report comply with the City's Financial Policies.

Debt Impact Statement: The CAO reports that there is no debt impact as these notes are a conduit issuance debt and not a debt of the City.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**Adopted Item**

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

(11) **23-1200-S142**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR relative to the appointment of Dianne Baquet Smith to the Employee Relations Board (ERB) for the term ending December 31, 2025.

**(Personnel, Audits, and Hiring Committee report to be submitted in Council. If public hearing in not held in Committee, an opportunity for public comment will be provided.)**

**(Click on [www.lacouncilfile.com](http://www.lacouncilfile.com) for background documents.)**

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE - OCTOBER 30, 2023**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - OCTOBER 27, 2023)**

**Adopted Personnel, Audits, and Hiring Committee Report - SEE ATTACHED  
Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: Soto-Martínez (1);  
Absent: Rodriguez (1)**

(12) **23-1200-S143**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR relative to the appointment of Brenda Suttonwills to the Employee Relations Board (ERB) for the term ending September 30, 2027.

**(Personnel, Audits, and Hiring Committee report to be submitted in Council. If public hearing in not held in Committee, an opportunity for public comment will be provided.)**

**(Click on [www.lacouncilfile.com](http://www.lacouncilfile.com) for background documents.)**

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE - NOVEMBER 2, 2023**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - NOVEMBER 1, 2023)**

**Adopted Personnel, Audits, and Hiring Committee Report - SEE ATTACHED  
Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (14); Nays: (0);  
Absent: Krekorian (1)**

(13) **21-0689-S2**

BUDGET, FINANCE AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to funding for the Coalition for Responsible Community Development for the CleanLA Jobs Program.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Price – Hutt), SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

UNENCUMBER \$811,459.10 from the Board of Public Works Fund No. 100/74, Fiscal Year 2021-22, Contractual Services Account No. 003040, encumbered to the Gang Alternative Program (Contract C-136595), and REAPPROPRIATE to Fund No. 100/74, Contractual Services Account No. 003040 for Fiscal Year 2023-24 to encumber said funds with the Coalition for Responsible Community Development (Contract C-136650) for the CleanLA Jobs Program.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**Adopted Item**

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

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

(14) **23-0005-S165**  
**CD 1**

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the property at 1027 South Burlington Avenue (Case No. 748863), Assessor I.D. No. 5136-010-017, from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated October 3, 2023, attached to the Council file, and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 1027 South Burlington Avenue (Case No. 748863), Assessor I.D. No. 5136-010-017, from the REAP.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the LAHD. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**(Continued from Council meeting of October 11, 2023)**

**Continued Item to November 28, 2023**

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

(15) **23-0005-S176  
CD 10**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the property at 1601 South St. Andrews Place (Case No. 815729), Assessor I.D. No. 5073-015-021, from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated October 12, 2023, attached to the Council file, and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 1601 South St. Andrews Place (Case No. 815729), Assessor I.D. No. 5073-015-021, from the REAP.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the LAHD. 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, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (14); Nays: (0); Absent: Rodriguez (1)**

(16) **23-0005-S171**  
**CD 13**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the property at 4401 North La Clede Avenue (Case No. 543277), Assessor I.D. No. 5594-001-003, from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated October 12, 2023, attached to the Council file, and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 4401 North La Clede Avenue (Case No. 543277), Assessor I.D. No. 5594-001-003, from the REAP.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the LAHD. 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, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (14); Nays: (0); Absent: Rodriguez (1)**

(17) **23-0005-S173**  
**CD 13**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the property at 550 North Juanita Avenue (Case No. 790329), Assessor I.D. No. 5539-032-032, from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated October 12, 2023, attached to the Council file, and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 550 North Juanita Avenue (Case No. 790329),



Assessor I.D. No. 5539-032-032, from the REAP.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the LAHD. 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, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (14); Nays: (0); Absent: Rodriguez (1)**

(18) **23-0005-S177  
CD 1**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the property at 819 North Centennial Street (Case No. 784539), Assessor I.D. No. 5406-027-015, from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated October 17, 2023, attached to the Council file, and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 819 North Centennial Street (Case No. 784539), Assessor I.D. No. 5406-027-015, from the REAP.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the LAHD. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**Continued Item to November 28, 2023**

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

(19) **23-0005-S178**

**CD 1**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the property at 5110 East Irvington Place (Case No. 697159), Assessor I.D. No. 5469-002-025, from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated October 17, 2023, attached to the Council file, and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 5110 East Irvington Place (Case No. 697159), Assessor I.D. No. 5469-002-025, from the REAP.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the LAHD. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**Continued Item to November 28, 2023**

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

(20) **16-0005-S80**

**CD 1**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the property at 5634 East Irvington Place (Case No. 753053), Assessor I.D. No. 5478-031-025, from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated October 17, 2023, attached to the Council file, and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 5634 East Irvington Place (Case No. 753053), Assessor I.D. No. 5478-031-025, from the REAP.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the LAHD. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**Continued Item to November 28, 2023**

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

(21) **23-0005-S179**  
**CD 9**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to removing the property at 206 East 25th Street (Case No. 607694), Assessor I.D. No. 5127-037-013, from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAHD report recommendation dated October 17, 2023, attached to the Council file, and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION removing the property at 206 East 25th Street (Case No. 607694), Assessor I.D. No. 5127-037-013, from the REAP.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the LAHD. 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, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (14); Nays: (0); Absent: Rodriguez (1)**

**Items Called Special**

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

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

**Closed Session**

(22) **23-1077**

The City Council shall recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled Ruben Martinez, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. CV20-10559 PA (KSx). (This matter arises from an incident involving members of the Los Angeles Police Department that occurred on April 11, 2008.)

**(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered this matter in Closed Session on October 11, 2023)**

**Adopted Motion (Blumenfield – Harris-Dawson) in Open Session**

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

**Adjourning Motions**

**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

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

## COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS

<b>MOVED BY</b>	<b>SECONDED BY</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Krekorian	Blumenfield	Community of Toluca Lake
Hutt	Lee	Korean American Coalition
De León	Rodriguez	Captain II Sean Parker
Yaroslavsky	Park	Shirley Dreiman

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

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# M O T I O N

I MOVE that \$50,000 from the AB 1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No.281210 (CD-10 Redevelopment Projects - Services) and \$49,231 from Fund No. 101-62 (TOTAL \$99,231) be transferred / appropriated to the Street Services Fund No. 100-86, Account No. 001090 (Salaries - Overtime) to continue Median Maintenance efforts started in the last fiscal year in Council District 10.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be authorized to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above fund allocation 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:



HEATHER HUTT  
Councilwoman, 10<sup>th</sup> District

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SECONDED BY:



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## MOTION

In 2021, the City of Los Angeles Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD) launched BIG:LEAP (Basic Income Guaranteed: Los Angeles Economic Assistance Pilot). Between January 2022 and March 2023, BIG:LEAP provided 3,200 vulnerable families with \$1,000 per month in no-strings-attached financial assistance for 12 months, totaling \$38.4M.

Furthermore, CIFD partnered with the University of Pennsylvania Center for Guaranteed Income Research (CGIR) to conduct a Randomized Controlled Trial research study on the program, issuing periodic qualitative and quantitative surveys to both recipients of the monthly assistance (the “treatment group”) and a “control group” of individuals not receiving the monthly funds.


The final fund disbursement took place in March 2023 and the final research survey was issued in August 2023. The CGIR team is now in the process of analyzing the collected survey, interview, and spending data and producing a final report due in June 2024. Furthermore, they will carry out to-be-determined post-report analytical activities in support of the program and communicating the report results.

To ensure that we remain under contract through the end of our partnership, CIFD is requesting that the existing contract (C-139859), expiring December 31, 2023, be extended to December 31, 2024 with no increase to the contract amount.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, or designee, of CIFD, to amend the City Contract No. C-139859 to extend the term of the contract through December 31, 2024 with The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.
2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of CIFD, or designee, to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer,

PRESENTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

  
CURREN D. PRICE, JR.  
Councilmember, 9 District

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



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The Board of Public Works has received a request from the City of Zacateca to donate one (1) Ensenada Caterpillar Diesel Truck Tractor. Section 22.547 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) provides that upon Council approval, surplus City equipment may be sold for less than market value to a domestic or foreign government. The maintenance and disposal of the surplus equipment would also represent a net financial loss to the City of Los Angeles.

The donation of one (1) Caterpillar Diesel Truck Tractor will be used to provide support for critical environmental services and public works projects within the city of Zacatecas. The fair market value of the equipment is \$22,822.00 which will be forgone revenue should it be donated.

Identifying information for the surplus equipment is provided below.

	MUNICIPALITY	UNIT NO.	DESCRIPTION	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	LIC #	VIN
LA SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENT (LASAN)								
1	Zacatecas	34223	Caterpillar Diesel Truck Tractor	2003	Peterbilt	330	1132812	2NPNAD7XX3M597512

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council finds that the City of Zacatecas is eligible to purchase one (1) Caterpillar Diesel Truck Tractor, at below market value (\$1.00), in accordance with LAAC Sec. 22.547 (Donation of Surplus City Equipment); and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare a contract to effectuate the sale and transfer of the surplus equipment identified above at below market value to the City of Zacatecas; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be instructed to inform the City of Zacatecas, Mexico that the surplus equipment must be claimed within 90 days from the date of Council approval of the request or from the notification of equipment availability, whichever occurs later, after which time it will revert to the City's surplus equipment pool for disposal by the Department of General Services.

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PRESENTED BY: Heather S. Hutt  
HEATHER HUTT  
Councilmember, 10<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: [Signature]

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The Board of Public Works has received a request from the City of Ensenada to donate three (3) Caterpillar Diesel Truck Tractors, one (1) Dumpster Trailer, and one (1) 2010 FRTL N Motor Sweeper. Section 22.547 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) provides that upon Council approval, surplus City equipment may be sold for less than market value to a domestic or foreign government. The maintenance and disposal of the surplus equipment would also represent a net financial loss to the City of Los Angeles.

The donation of (3) Caterpillar Diesel Truck Tractors, one (1) Dumpster Trailer, and one (1) 2010 FRTL N Motor will be used to provide support for critical environmental services and public works projects within the city of Ensenada. The fair market value of the equipment is \$90,566.00 which will be forgone revenue should it be donated.

Identifying information for the surplus equipment is provided below.

	MUNICIPALITY	UNIT NO.	DESCRIPTION	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	LIC #	VIN
<b>LA SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENT (LASAN)</b>								
1	Ensenada	34220	Caterpillar Diesel Truck Tractor	2003	Peterbilt	330	1132813	2NPNAD7XX3M597509
2	Ensenada	34221	Caterpillar Diesel Truck Tractor	2003	Peterbilt	330	1132814	2NPNAD7X63M597510
3	Ensenada	34222	Caterpillar Diesel Truck Tractor	2003	Peterbilt	330	1132811	2NPNAD7X83M597511
4	Ensenada	59026	Dumpster Trailer	2009	Ray Gaskin Services	4 Cubic Yard	1271631	1R9BS30129C156089

	MUNICIPALITY	UNIT NO.	DESCRIPTION	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	LIC #	VIN
<b>BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES (StreetsLA)</b>								
1	Ensenada	24093	2010 FRTL N Motor Sweeper	2010	Elgin	Broom Bear	1344929	1FVXF8008ADAV7009

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council finds that the City of Ensenada is eligible to purchase the above 5 listed vehicles, at below market value (\$1.00), in accordance with LAAC Sec. 22.547 (Donation of Surplus City Equipment); and

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I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare a contract to effectuate the sale and transfer of the surplus equipment identified above at below market value to the City of Ensenada; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be instructed to inform the City of Ensenada, Mexico that the surplus equipment must be claimed within 90 days from the date of Council approval of the request or from the notification of equipment availability, whichever occurs later, after which time it will revert to the City's surplus equipment pool for disposal by the Department of General Services.

PRESENTED BY: *Heather Hutt*  
**HEATHER HUTT**  
Councilwoman, 10<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: *[Signature]*

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On December 12, 2022, Mayor Karen Bass issued a Declaration of Local Emergency, ratified by the City Council on December 13, 2022, addressing the City's homelessness crisis. This declaration's goal is to expedite the City's response by facilitating the building, renting and acquiring of temporary and permanent housing, the procurement of services, to mobilize local resources, and seek assistance from other governmental agencies including the County of Los Angeles, the State of California, and the Federal government.

The Inside Safe initiative was promptly launched by the Mayor's office and service providers. It involves outreach, property storage, transportation to housing options, traffic control, data collection, and referrals.

Since the inception of Inside Safe, as evidenced by the latest September 15, 2023, the City Administrative Officer report, 1,574 individuals have transitioned into interim housing from 25 encampment operations. However, the strategy for selecting motels/hotels based on operation remains open to further definition, as is the matter of whether districts are being used to accommodate individuals from other areas of the City.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance from the City Administrative Officer, and Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority, provide a report to the Council detailing the number of Inside Safe operations, the location of the operation, the number of participants placed in interim housing, and the hotel each operation used.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer report back on the non-City resources utilized, apart from funding for the operation and provision of services related to the expenses of Inside Safe interim housing.

PRESENTED BY:

*Monica Rodriguez*

MONICA RODRIGUEZ  
Councilwoman, 7<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:

*Janice Lee*

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According to the U.S. Census Bureau, over 60% of Angelenos are renters. Additionally, the vast majority of renters in Los Angeles are rent burdened, spending over 30% of their income on housing. Simply put, rental housing in Los Angeles is extremely unaffordable for many, and the situation is getting worse. Beyond the economic hardship placed on working families, rising rents are also the largest contributing factor to homelessness. A study by the U.S. Government Accountability Office found that median rent increases of \$100 a month were associated with a 9% increase in homelessness in the areas examined.

Los Angeles adopted the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) in 1979 to address some of these issues. The ordinance limits the allowable rent increase for units covered by the RSO, tying the increase to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), a measure of inflation, and capping the rent increase to 8%. It also, however, set the minimum allowable rent increase to 3%, regardless of whether CPI was below 3%, or if it was even negative. In the last 30 years, change in CPI was less than 3% in 23 of the last 30 years. That means rents were increased greater than inflation 23 times in the last three decades. For RSO units that were occupied for the last 30 years, allowable rent increases under RSO have led to rents that are 26% higher than they would be if they had been adjusted with CPI.

Landlords that pay for gas and/or electricity are allowed to increase rent an additional 1-2% per year even if the cost of providing these utilities is accounted for in the base rent. A review of the RSO by the Economic Roundtable found that there was “no connection” between this additional allowed rent increase and the cost of providing the utilities, and that the 1-2% per year supplemental increase has “substantially exceeded the actual cost increases” of providing the utilities. Lastly, units that are vacated under RSO face no restriction on rent increase and can be set to market rate for the next tenant, a process called vacancy de-control, further exacerbating the housing costs in Los Angeles.

The City’s COVID-19 rent freeze for RSO units kept rent affordable for thousands of Los Angeles tenants during the pandemic. However, with the rent freeze set to expire on January 31, 2024, landlords will be able to resume rent increases. According to guidance from the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), the annual allowable rent increase under the RSO from February 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 will be 7%, with an additional 1% for gas and 1% for electric service if the landlord provides the service to the tenant. Simply put, such an increase would devastate renters in Los Angeles, and lead to substantial displacement driving countless Angelenos out of their communities and into homelessness.

With CPI reaching its highest levels in decades, and with hundreds of thousands of tenants already suffering from devastating economic hardship exacerbated by COVID, all in the midst of a growing homelessness crisis, it is of the utmost importance that the City adjust the RSO allowable rent increase to safeguard tenants and to stop the inflow of tenants into homelessness which is devastating our communities.

To this effect, Council authorized LAHD to conduct an economic study on “*the formula for setting the RSO annual allowable rent increase (...), analyzing, in particular, the recent changes in RSO allowable rent increases in the California cities, including but not limited to, Oakland, Bell Gardens, Antioch, Pomona, Santa Ana, and Oxnard; including a review of mandated City fees (i.e. RSO, SCEP, LASAN, RecycLA, DWP, etc) impacting operating expenses in rental properties*” (CF #21-0042-S3). Additionally, another motion was introduced to help expedite the completion of this study (CF #23-1134). While this effort to inform a permanent adjustment to the RSO rent increase formula progresses, it is imperative that Council act swiftly to ensure that Los Angeles RSO tenants do not experience a devastating 7-9% rent increase in February, and an ordinance change will be required.

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Given this situation, and the fact that the legislative process for requesting and implementing an ordinance often takes months, I respectfully submit the following proposal for Council to consider as soon as possible. This proposal would move back the February 1st, 2023 date by six months, allowing time for the economic study to be completed and for LAHD to receive and compile the recommendations. It will also allow time for ample outreach to tenants and landlords about any adopted changes to the RSO. Finally, if the study is completed faster than anticipated, the suggested date can be moved up as is deemed appropriate.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council request the City Attorney to draft an ordinance disallowing rent increases for units covered under the Rent Stabilization Ordinance until July 31st, 2024.

PRESENTED BY:



**HUGO SOTO-MARTÍNEZ**  
Councilmember, 13<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:



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MOTION

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Los Angeles took unprecedented steps to protect the health of its workforce and residents.

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This included the adoption of ordinance 187,134 (CF 21-0921), which required COVID-19 vaccination for all current and future City employees. The policy resulted in an 82% vaccination rate among full-time City employees.

While the public health threat has receded and COVID-19 hospitalizations in Los Angeles County remain low, the City's vaccine mandate has stayed in place, even as other public entities have moved to rescind or ease vaccine requirements for their workforces.

- In April 2023, Los Angeles County sunset its vaccination requirement for existing and new county employees. This followed a related action by the Board of Supervisors to rescind vaccination requirements for certain contractors.
- In May 2023, the Biden-Harris administration ended its COVID-19 vaccination requirements for federal employees and contractors, arguing that with a 98% compliance rate among its federal workforce, as well as a significant decline in hospitalizations and fatalities, our nation's pandemic response had entered a new phase.
- The City of Los Angeles' proof of vaccination requirement to enter public buildings sunset with the end of its emergency order in February 2023.
- In August 2023, Los Angeles County's Department of Public Health rescinded its vaccination and masking requirements for healthcare personnel in Los Angeles County.
- In September 2023, LAUSD ended its vaccination requirement for staff, including teachers.

The City should consider aligning its policy with the County and Federal governments to create consistency, mitigate confusion and prevent a competitive disadvantage with other jurisdictions.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report on the feasibility, impacts and timeline of repealing Chapter 7, Division 4, Article 12 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, which requires COVID-19 vaccination for all current and future city employees.

PRESENTED BY: Traci Park  
TRACI PARK  
Councilwoman, 11<sup>th</sup> District

Paul Kerkorian  
PAUL KERKORIAN  
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY: Heather Hill

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In 1992, the Council adopted Ordinance No. 167689 (CF 88-1249), to regulate the establishment of a **hostel** which is defined in Section 12.03 of the Municipal Code as ‘a one-family dwelling, boarding or rooming house, dormitory, apartment hotel or apartment house which is advertised as a hostel or which is listed with any recognized national or international hostel organization.’

The Municipal Code does not permit hostels *by-right* in any zone; instead, they are only permitted either by Conditional Use or as Public Benefit Projects. Numerous unpermitted hostels are proliferating throughout Council District 10, particularly in the Mid-City neighborhood, much to the frustration of its residents, inasmuch as this commercial use is operating in residential zones in violation of the Municipal Code, inasmuch as **operating a hostel within 500 feet of the Residential or Agricultural zones is disallowed.**

In addition, there appears to be challenges as to enforcement on the part of City staff, inasmuch as the Department of Building & Safety (LADBS) has indicated that while violations of commercial uses in residential areas have been identified, LADBS is unable to cite hostel operators because active construction is not taking place on-site. The Housing Department has been equally unsuccessful in disallowing hostels, despite efforts by its inspectors.

At least 28 properties in Council District 10 are operating as illegal hostels which have caused great consternation and harm to neighbors. Furthermore, there has been heightened calls for service to the Police Department. Records of service have demonstrated that the operators have done nothing to curb disturbances on the properties. The range of issues are extensive, and are very serious. Neighbors consistently complain about drug use/overdose, physical violence, thefts and burglaries, and a range of other crimes such as but not limited to, landlord/tenant disputes, suicide calls and battery, radiating from these properties.

The alleged activities occurring as a result of **the operation of these illegal hostels are a threat to the public peace, health, and safety of the community;** and a drain on public safety resources. These activities cannot be allowed to continue, and the City must take immediate corrective action.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Council instruct the Planning Department, with the assistance of the Department of Building and Safety, and Housing Department, and in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare a report with recommendations/land use regulatory controls, and thereby take immediate corrective action relative to the proliferation of illegal hostels.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Council instruct the Department of Building and Safety, Planning Department, Police Department, Fire Department, and Housing Department, to immediately create an enforcement taskforce to pilot an illegal hostels enforcement area in the Mid-City neighborhood and Mid-City Neighborhood Council area.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer to prepare a report with recommendations, with the assistance of the Planning Department, Department of Building and Safety, and Housing Department, relative to funding allocation and staff resources needed to enforce provisions of the Municipal Code that disallow hostels *by-right* in all zones, unless permitted either by Conditional Use or as Public Benefit Projects.

PRESENTED BY: Heather Hutt  
HEATHER HUTT  
Councilmember, 10<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: Travis Park

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**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the restaurant and hospitality industry is a vitally important part of the City's economy, employing 380,000 people and generating more than \$200 million in tax revenues to the City prior to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Los Angeles Municipal Code, a restaurant can only be permitted to sell alcohol by obtaining a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) or meeting the eligibility requirements for the streamlined process known as the Restaurant Beverage Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the CUP process can often be time consuming and costly for both applicants and City staff and resources, hindering entrepreneurs' ability to create or expand their businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and further appreciates the need to facilitate Zoning Code relief to support the local economy and livelihood of those living and working in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Restaurant Beverage Program for sit-down restaurants only is an alternative to the CUP process to remove economic and time constraints and promote economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Restaurant Beverage Program contains more and stricter standards than those typically imposed during the CUP process and requires participating restaurants to be subject to enforcement procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has undertaken an environmental review of the Restaurant Beverage Program's provisions and found that will not have a significant effect on the environment (ENV-2018-4661-ND), and further found that aspects of the proposed regulatory relief are exempt from environmental review (ENV-2020-3154-CE); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Council hereby activates the streamlined permitting land use regulatory process, the *Restaurant Beverage Program*, that shall be in force and full effect in the geographical boundaries attached in Exhibit A.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that based on the findings outlined in Exhibit B relative to the geographic boundaries found in Exhibit A maps, the Restaurant Beverage Program is in conformity with public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice.

PRESENTED BY: *David P. Little*

SECONDED BY: *Monica Rodriguez*

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- 1. The Restaurant Beverage Program (RBP) will provide a public necessity within the areas mapped in Exhibit A by removing financial barriers for sit-down restaurants and promoting economic development, in light of the financial impacts associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.**

The restaurant and hospitality industry is an important part of the City's economy, employing more than 380,000 people and generating more than \$200 million in tax revenue to the City during pre-pandemic levels. The Ordinance will preserve and strengthen a viable sector of the City's economy by creating the RBP, which will reduce the costs and time for sit-down restaurants in the mapped areas to obtain City approval to serve alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption, while subjecting them to more than 50 provisions. Alcohol service provides a substantial portion of restaurants' revenue and often make or break their viability as a business, however, restaurants with alcohol sales must meet both state and local regulations for serving alcohol. The RBP will offer an administrative clearance process to allow the sale of alcohol in sit-down restaurants with an operating kitchen and a full menu. In addition, new restaurants with alcohol service under the RBP will be subject to enforcement measures and security standards. This in-turn will provide long-term financial incentives as it will bolster the opening of new restaurants, enable the hiring of new employees, and create more vibrant neighborhoods.

The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent stay-at-home and indoor restrictions have presented unprecedented financial challenges to sit-down restaurants throughout the City, namely those located within the mapped areas. A simpler, more predictable, less costly process to serve alcoholic beverages would ease some of the burdens placed on impacted restaurants, giving them a boost and reducing the time needed for them to re-open and start hiring people. As such, the RBP will create a service that is beneficial to the community, City, and region mapped by reducing the amount of entry barriers for new local restaurants.

- 2. The RBP will provide a public convenience within the areas mapped in Exhibit A by accommodating the demand for an amenity that will serve residents, workers, employees, and visitors.**

A variety of uses, including sit-down restaurants, are necessary for the conservation, development, and success of a vibrant neighborhood. The RBP reflects a shift in how the City will process alcohol requests for eligible sit-down restaurants. As such, the RBP will provide local sit-down restaurants with a boost, which will allow them to open quicker, expand, hire employees, and become an economically viable business. By creating a consistent and streamlined review of alcohol requests, the RBP will create more vibrant neighborhoods that will benefit employees, local residents, and visitors leading to the growth of regulated sit-down restaurants within the mapped areas, which are planned and zoned for commercial uses such as restaurants.

On-site alcohol service incidental to food service is an amenity that is often expected in bona fide sit-down restaurants. The local community, employees, patrons of adjacent commercial uses, and the residents in the neighborhood will be able to utilize the benefits of having on-site sit-down restaurants and alcohol service nearby. Furthermore, the RBP incorporates more than 50 operating standards to ensure that the alcohol service will not be disruptive to the community.

**3. The RBP contains more than 50 provisions to ensure that it will not adversely affect the welfare of the areas mapped in Exhibit A.**

The RBP's provisions are intended to protect the public health, welfare, and safety of the communities within the mapped areas. The City is establishing operational and enforcing policies via the RBP to regulate alcohol service in eligible sit-down restaurants. Therefore, alcohol service under the RBP must be incidental to food service on-site consumption. This means that high-impact uses such as bars, nightclubs, and liquor stores will not be eligible under the RBP and must obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Eligible restaurants will not be allowed to have dancing, live entertainment, pool tables, and portable bars. Bar-like practices, such as minimum drink purchase, admission charges, and age limitations, will also be prohibited.

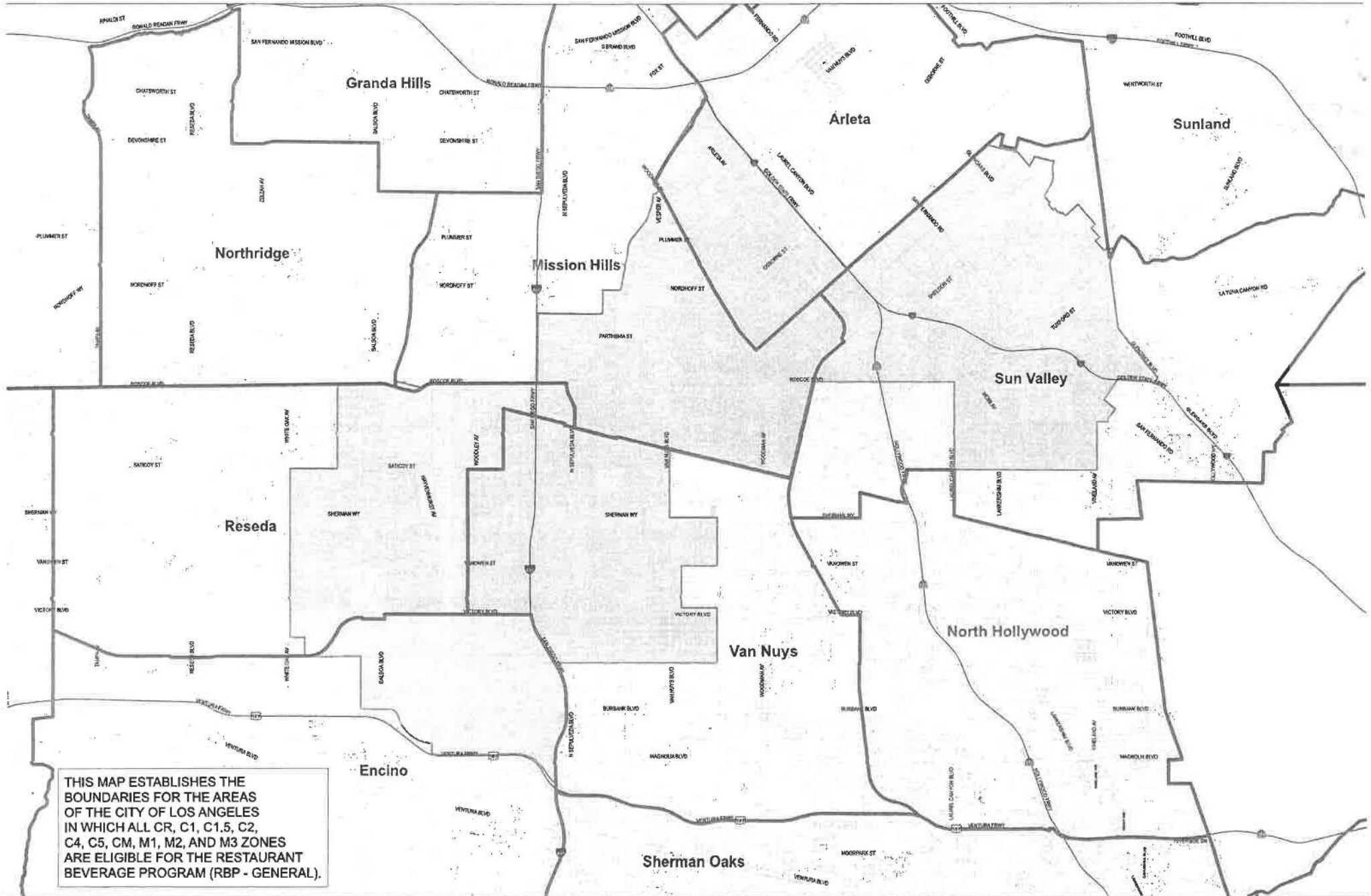
Operating standards will ensure that impacts to the community, such as noise, will be kept at a minimum. The RBP will prohibit the use of television monitors and speakers in outdoor areas. Restaurants will also be required to remove graffiti, clean debris and litter, maintain an electronic age verification device, and respond to patron complaints in a timely manner. As a means of establishing additional safety policies, the RBP contains interior and exterior lighting requirements and will require restaurants to install and maintain a camera surveillance system in operation at all times. In addition, all employees involved with the sale of alcohol will be subject to regulatory safety practices such as enrolling in an alcohol safety training program offered by the Los Angeles Police Department and/or the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Restaurants that repeatedly violate the RBP's provisions will be suspended from the Program and be required to obtain a CUP to continue to sell alcohol.

Lastly, the RBP or Ordinance does not authorize any new construction, nor result in construction activities that would change the size, height, or other significant features of existing buildings and therefore not degrade adjacent properties, the surrounding neighborhood, or the public health, welfare, and safety of the public at large. Therefore, the RBP, the Ordinance, operations, and other significant features will be compatible with and not adversely affect or degrade adjacent properties, the surrounding neighborhood, or the public health, welfare, and safety of the mapped areas.

**4. The RBP will follow good zoning practices by encouraging economic development in the areas mapped while limiting the impact of commercial activity on residential areas and other sensitive uses through strict provisions.**

The mapped areas are well suited for sit-down restaurants that offer alcohol service, which are planned and zoned for commercial uses such as restaurants. This will promote livability and convenience for residents and employees, promote a variety of uses, and strengthen the employment and amenity base of the mapped areas. As such, the RBP substantially conforms to the purpose, intent, and provisions of the General Plan, the applicable community plan, and any specific plan.

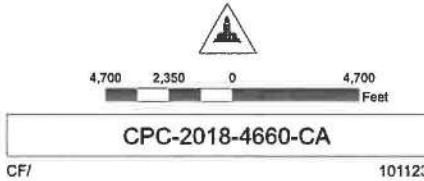
At the same time, the RBP serves the purpose of imposing provisions aimed at limiting impacts to surrounding neighbors, including residential areas and other sensitive uses. The RBP will only be applicable in specific commercial and manufacturing zones where alcohol service is currently allowed through a CUP. In addition, the RBP includes numerous operational restrictions related to indoor and outdoor seating, allowed activities, and bar-like practices to limit noise and other impacts. Additional provisions concerning operations, security, monitoring, and enforcement are included. Any changes to the mode of operations of the restaurant, including hours of operation and seating, will not be permitted. Therefore, the RBP will follow good zoning practices by encouraging economic development while limiting the impact of commercial activity on nearby residential areas and other sensitive uses through strict and enforcing provisions.



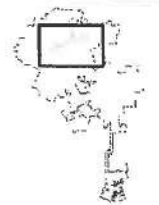
# Restaurant Beverage Program (RBP)

- RBP- General Eligible
- Community Plan Area

Data Sources: Department of City Planning & Bureau of Engineering



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The last decade has seen continued improvements to autonomous vehicle (AV) technologies. While these technologies have continued to gain permission to operate on public streets, the recent decision by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to allow significant expansion of operations to include autonomous taxi services in San Francisco raises concerns regarding the rate of expansion and need for thoughtful integration of new technologies to prioritize the safety of people that use roads.

Concerns have been expressed that autonomous vehicles are vulnerable to cyber-attacks, which could potentially compromise the safety of passengers and other road users by behaving erratically and/or crashing. They have also shown to experience challenges resulting in inoperability when local 5g networks are stressed in dense urban environments, particularly near large events. Additionally, while autonomous vehicles can process large amounts of data to make quick decisions in standard operating conditions, they lack human judgment and intuition that is critical for navigating urban environments. For example, an AV may not be able to anticipate the actions of people, walking, bicycling, driving, or using the road in another way, leading to collisions.


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On August 10, 2023, the CPUC granted Waymo LLC and Cruise LLC the ability to offer driverless autonomous vehicle service within San Francisco and parts of San Mateo County. On September 11, 2023, San Francisco City Attorney David Chui filed two formal requests to the California Public Utilities Commission asking for a rehearing on the resolutions allowing Cruise and Waymo to expand their paid-passenger services to limit the expansion of operations by autonomous vehicles.

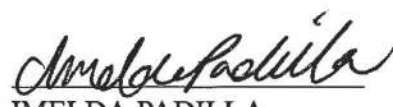
Considering that on September 20, 2023, Waymo announced their plan for expanding autonomous taxi services in Los Angeles in the coming months, and the DMV's announcement on October 24, 2023 that Cruise LLC must cease all operations on public roads in California, our City must join San Francisco's call to state regulators to reign in autonomous operations in urban contexts and identify benchmarking standards to inform how to expand operations in a thoughtful and careful manner.

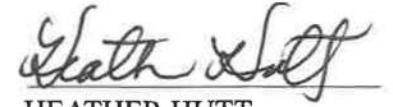
**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council REQUEST the City Attorney to work with San Francisco City Attorney in support of the application for re-hearing on the California Public Utilities Commission's decisions on Resolution TL-19145 and TL19144.

PRESENTED BY:

  
HUGO SOTO-MARTÍNEZ  
Councilmember, 13th District

  
NITHYA RAMAN  
Councilmember, 4th District

  
IMELDA PADILLA  
Councilmember, 6th District

  
HEATHER HUTT  
Councilmember, 10th District

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MOTION

The Mangrove property is an approximately 10-acre site adjacent to the civic center area and Little Tokyo Community in Downtown Los Angeles. Currently, the City and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro) own portions of the Mangrove site. The recent completion of the construction of the Regional Connector Light Rail Project presents the City, Metro, and the Little Tokyo Community with the opportunity to develop the Mangrove site into a mixed use project that serves the needs of the local community and the City.

On September 23, 2022 Motion 13-0275-S3 was introduced requesting that the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) be given the authority to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Metro for the joint development of the Mangrove Site. Council took final action and approved the item on April 19, 2023. EWDD and Metro would work as joint development partners sharing costs for the predevelopment of the project at a 70/30 split with EWDD providing the larger financial contribution from their contractual services account. Since the final council action was taken, EWDD has finalized the MOU and received all required signatures for its execution.

In order to proceed with the development of the site, the drafting and execution of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for consulting services is required. The consultant will test a variety of feasible development options for the Mangrove site, and will help the City and Metro prepare an RFP for a development team.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Economic and Workforce Development Department be instructed to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) on the Mangrove Property with the intent to contract with a consultant to develop a scope of work for a future mixed use development project. The contract for Phase I of the project will cost approximately \$300,000 and will run no longer than 12 months in duration.

I FURTHER MOVE that Council

1. Authorize the Controller to:

a. Accept funds received from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and deposit into the Economic Development Trust Fund No. 62L.

b. Establish new account 22Y5AN, titled "Mangrove Project - LACMTA," and appropriate up to \$300,000 within the Economic Development Trust Fund No. 62L, upon presentation of documentation by EWDD.

2. Authorize the General Manager of EWDD, or designee to prepare additional Controller instructions and any necessary technical adjustments that are consistent with Mayor and Council action to carry out the intent of this motion, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer.

PRESENTED BY:   
KEVIN DE LEÓN  
Councilmember 14th District

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SECONDED BY: 

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**File No. 23-1200-S142**

PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND HIRING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the appointment of Dianne Baquet Smith to the Employee Relations Board (ERB) for the term ending December 31, 2025.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's appointment of Dianne Baquet Smith to the ERB, for the term ending December 31, 2025, is APPROVED and CONFIRMED. (Composition: F = 2; M = 1; Vacant=2)

Financial Disclosure Statement: Filed

Background Review: Pending

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE – OCTOBER 30, 2023**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – OCTOBER 27, 2023)**

Summary:

On October 24, 2023, your Committee considered a September 15, 2023 communication from the Mayor relative to the appointment of Diane Baquet Smith to the ERB for the term ending December 31, 2023. Subsequent to the release of the Committee agenda, an October 23, 2023 City Ethics Commission report was received. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the appointment. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Personnel, Audits, and Hiring Committee

**COUNCILMEMBER VOTE**

McOSKER: YES

PADILLA: YES

SOTO-MARTINEZ: YES

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10/24/23

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**File No. 23-1200-S143**

PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND HIRING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to appointment of Brenda Suttonwills to the Employee Relations Board (ERB) for the term ending September 30, 2027.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's appointment of Brenda Suttonwills to the ERB, for the term ending September 30, 2027, is APPROVED and CONFIRMED. (Composition: F = 2; M = 1; Vacant=2)

Financial Disclosure Statement: Filed

Background Review: Pending

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE – NOVEMBER 2, 2023**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – NOVEMBER 1, 2023)**

Summary:

On October 24, 2023, your Committee considered a September 18, 2023 communication from the Mayor relative to the appointment of Brenda Suttonwills to the ERB for the term ending September 30, 2027. Subsequent to the release of the Committee agenda, an October 23, 2023 City Ethics Commission report was submitted. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the appointment. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Personnel, Audits, and Hiring Committee

**COUNCILMEMBER VOTE**

McOSKER: YES

PADILLA: YES

SOTO-MARTINEZ: YES

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10/24/23

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