Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding Friday, January 19, 2024

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, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez (11); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Lee, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (4)

Approval of the Minutes

Commendatory Resolutions, Introductions and Presentations - SEE ATTACHED

Multiple Agenda Item Comment

Public Testimony of Non-agenda Items Within Jurisdiction of Council

Items Noticed for Public Hearing - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

(1) **10-1280** CD 2

MOTION (KREKORIAN - RAMAN) and RESOLUTION relative to the issuance of revenue bonds or notes for the acquisition, construction, improvement, and equipping of educational facilities located at 4533 Laurel Canyon Boulevard in Council District 2.

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

- 1. HOLD a Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA) Hearing at the City Council meeting to be held on January 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. located at 200 North Spring Street, Room 340, Los Angeles, California 90012.
- ADOPT the accompanying TEFRA RESOLUTION, attached to the Council file, to allow the California Municipal Finance Authority to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$100,000,000 to provide

financing and refinancing for the acquisition, construction, improvement, and equipping of educational facilities located at 4533 Laurel Canyon Boulevard in Council District 2.

Adopted Item

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

Items for which Public Hearings Have Been Held

(2) **09-2665-S7 CD 9**

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (PRICE - HUTT) relative to additional funding and contract amendments for the environmental clean-up of Slauson Wall Site located at 5867 South Los Angeles Street in Council District 9.

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

(Please visit www.lacouncilfile.com for background documents.)

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item - SEE ATTACHED

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Lee, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (4)

(3) **23-0693-S1** CD 8

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to issuing a revocable permit to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI), to close, fence, occupy, demolish, excavate, and construct in the public right-of-way of the alley east of Western Avenue between Gage Avenue (North) and Gage Avenue (South) prior to finalizing and recording the street vacation of this alley.

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

- 1. AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to issue a revocable permit to the LANI, subject to satisfaction of the conditions for issuing such permit, to close, fence, occupy, demolish, excavate, and construct in the public right-of-way of the alley east of Western Avenue between Gage Avenue (North) and Gage Avenue (South) prior to finalizing and recording the street vacation (VAC-E1401436) of this alley.
- 2. INSTRUCT the BOE and any other necessary departments to assist the LANI and its representatives through the B-Permit process for any work necessary to deliver the median park project at Western Avenue and Gage Avenue.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Lee, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (4)

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

(4) **24-0007-S1** CD 13

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to the installation of the name of Garrett Morris on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the installation of the name of Garrett Morris at 6411 Hollywood Boulevard.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> The City Engineer reports that there is no General Fund impact. All costs are paid by the permittee.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

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

(5) **23-1398 CD 14**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to initiating vacation proceedings for a portion of Roy Street at Aldama Street (VAC-E1401440).

Recommendations for Council action:

- ADOPT the City Engineer report dated December 5, 2023, attached to the Council file, to initiate the vacation proceedings to vacate a portion of Roy Street at Aldama Street, as shown on Exhibit A of said City Engineer report, pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code, Division 9, Part 3, Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law.
- 2. DIRECT the Bureau of Engineering to investigate and report regarding the feasibility of this vacation request.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> The City Engineer reports that a deposit of \$14,980 was paid by the petitioner for the investigation of this request pursuant to Section 7.42 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC). Any deficit fee to recover the cost pursuant to LAAC Section 7.44 will be required of the petitioner.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

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

Lee, Yaroslavsky (3)

(6) **24-0045 CD 4**

MOTION (RAMAN - KREKORIAN) relative to an instruction to the City Clerk to sign the petition for the City-owned parcels included in the Studio City Business Improvement District (BID).

Recommendations for Council action:

- 1. INSTRUCT the City Clerk, or designee, to sign the petition for the City-owned parcels included in the Studio City BID.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the City Clerk to make any changes or adjustments to the above instruction in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

Adopted Item

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

(7) **24-0046 CD 7**

MOTION (RODRIGUEZ - BLUMENFIELD) relative to funding for the Glenoaks Boulevard (10810) Slope Mitigation Project in Council District Seven.

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

- TRANSFER and APPROPRIATE \$164,640 in the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281207 (CD 7 Redevelopment Projects -Services) to the SB1 Road Rehabilitation and Maintenance Fund No. 59V/50, Account No. 50WVIE, for the Glenoaks Boulevard (10810) Slope Mitigation Project.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Engineering to make any technical corrections or clarifications as necessary to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

Adopted Item

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

(8) **24-0047 CD 14**

MOTION (DE LEON - PARK) relative to funding for services in connection with the Council District (CD) 14's special recognition of Wear Red Day on February 2, 2024, including the illumination of City Hall and the Sixth Street Viaduct.

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

TRANSFER and APPROPRIATE \$400 from the General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 0714 (CD-14 Community Services), to the General Services Fund No. 100/40, Account No. 1070 (Salaries - As Needed), for services in connection with the CD 14's special recognition of Wear Red Day on February 2, 2024, including the illumination of City Hall and the Sixth Street Viaduct.

Adopted Item

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

(9) **24-0049**

RESOLUTION (RAMAN - KREKORIAN) relative to declaring the week beginning January 22, 2024 as Homeless Count Week 2024.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE to DECLARE the week beginning January 22, 2024, as Homeless Count Week 2024 and DIRECT all City Departments and agencies to support the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) in conducting the 2024 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count by encouraging staff to volunteer and responding completely and in a timely manner to LAHSA's requests for assistance in this effort.

Adopted Item

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

Items Called Special

Motions for Posting and Referral - SEE ATTACHED

Council Members' Requests for Excuse from Attendance at Council Meetings

Closed Session

(10) **23-1226**

The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled <u>Lacheryl Bell v. City of Los Angeles, et al.</u>, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV14369. (This is an employment case against the City of Los Angeles.)

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered this matter in Closed Session on December 13, 2023)

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

(11) 23-1223

The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled Kellie Cueto v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV30478. (This is a police employment case against the City of Los Angeles.)

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered this matter in Closed Session on December 13, 2023)

Adopted Motion (Blumenfield - Harris-Dawson) in Open Session - SEE ATTACHED

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

(12) **23-1174**

The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled <u>Arcelia Tello v. Salvador Chavez, et al.</u>, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV31596. (This matter arises from a traffic accident that occurred on January 30, 2022 on La Brea Avenue, approximately 292 feet south of Sunset Boulevard, in Los Angeles.)

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered this matter in Closed Session on December 13, 2023)

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

(13) **23-1271**

The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled <u>Adrian Saavedra v. State of California, et al.</u>, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV44223. (This matter arises from a trip and fall accident that occurred on March 5, 2021, near the intersection of Clinton Street and Manhattan Place, in the City of Los Angeles.)

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered this matter in Closed Session on December 13, 2023)

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

(14) 23-1287

The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled <u>Cynthia Pfeiffer v. City of Los Angeles</u>, et al., Los Angeles

Superior Court Case No. 20STCV14733. (This matter arises from an August 19, 2019, trip and fall accident on Coldwater Canyon near Harvard Westlake Drive, in the City of Los Angeles.)

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered this matter in Closed Session on December 13, 2023)

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

(15) **23-1281**

The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled <u>Kira Tityuk</u>, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV29317. (This matter arises from a vehicle to vehicle traffic collision that occurred on November 8, 2019, at the intersection of Balboa Boulevard and Plummer Street.)

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered this matter in Closed Session on December 13, 2023)

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

(16) **23-1286**

The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled <u>Ernest Simon Jr. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.</u>, United States District Court Case No. 22-cv-01775-SSS-GJS. (This matter arises from an incident involving members of the Los Angeles Police Department on March 18, 2021, in Los Angeles, California.)

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered this matter in Closed Session on December 13, 2023)

Adopted the City Attorney's recommendation dated October 26, 2023

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

(17) **23-1311**

The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled Shiv Andrew Arora v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV35537. (This matter arises from a trip and fall accident that occurred on January 18, 2020, in front of a bus stop located at 1300 North Fairfax Avenue, in the City of Los Angeles.)

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered this matter in Closed Session on December 13, 2023)

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

(18) **23-1312**

The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled Patrick Toolan v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV40906. (This matter arises out of an incident in which a motorized scooter hit a pothole on North Orange Grove in the City of Los Angeles.)

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered this matter in Closed Session on December 13, 2023)

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

(19) **23-1314**

The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled <u>Amadeo De Leon v. City of Los Angeles, et al.</u>, Los Angeles

Superior Court Case No. 22STCV14813. (This matter arises from a rearend traffic collision that occurred on May 13, 2020, on the eastbound I-10 freeway, in the City of Los Angeles.)

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered this matter in Closed Session on December 13, 2023)

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

(20) **23-1396**

The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled Matthew Westray v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV28133. (This matter arises from a bicycle accident that occurred on November 2, 2020, on West 5th Street between Windsor Boulevard and Lorraine Boulevard, in the City of Los Angeles.)

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered this matter in Closed Session on December 13, 2023)

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

(21) **23-1395**

The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled Renee E. Rodriguez v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV03277. (This matter arises from a trip and fall accident that occurred on January 25, 2020, on Olive Street and 5th Street, in the City of Los Angeles.)

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered this matter in Closed Session on December 13, 2023)

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

(22) **23-1394**

The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled <u>Joyce Dyrector v. City of Los Angeles, et al.</u>, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV11022. (This matter arises from a trip and fall accident that occurred on February 27, 2020, near 6809 Iris Circle, in the City of Los Angeles.)

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered this matter in Closed Session on December 13, 2023)

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

(23) **23-1393**

The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled Weslee Davis, Jr., et al. v. Singer Vehicle Design, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV22667. (This matter arises from automobile versus motorcycle accident that occurred on June 20, 2018, at the intersection of Wentworth Avenue and Wheatland Street, in the City of Los Angeles.)

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered this matter in Closed Session on December 13, 2023)

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

(24) **23-0763**

The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government

Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled <u>Francisco Orona v. City of Los Angeles</u>, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV15588. (This matter arises from a Bureau of Street Services' employee's allegations of discrimination, retaliation, and other claims under California's Fair Employment and Housing Act.)

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered this matter in Closed Session on September 13, 2023)

Reject the City Attorney's recommendation regarding settlement Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Harris-Dawson, Lee, Yaroslavsky (3)

Adjourning Motions - SEE ATTACHED

12-0460-S7

Reconsidered Item No. 9 from Council Meeting of January 17, 2024

ITEM NO. (9) 12-0460-S7

EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES, SECTIONS 15061(B)(3) AND 15378(B)(5); COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to reinstating Section 11.5.14 – Redevelopment Plan Procedures to Article 1.5 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), Ordinance No. 187712, with technical modifications.

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

- DETERMINE, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the proposed ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3) and Section 15378(b)(5).
- 2. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission (LACPC) as the Findings of Council.
- 3. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated

January 10, 2024, relative to reinstating Section 11.5.14 – Redevelopment Plan Procedures to Article 1.5 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, Ordinance No. 187712, with technical modifications.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(URGENCY CLAUSE – 12 VOTES REQUIRED ON SECOND READING)

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

Adopted Item Forthwith

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

Adopted Motion (Krekorian – McOsker) to Reconsider Item #9 from Council meeting of January 17, 2024.

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

Council Adjournment

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

(25) **23-1200-S165**

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR relative to the appointment of Joe Gatlin to the Harbor Area Planning Commission (HAPC).

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Joe Gatlin to the HAPC for the term ending June 30, 2024, is APPROVED and CONFIRMED. Appointee currently resides in Council District 15. Joe Gatlin will fill the vacancy created by the departure of Mitchell Harmatz. (Current composition: M = 1; F = 3; Vacant = 1)

Financial Disclosure Statement: Filed

Background Check: Pending

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

TIME LIMIT FILE - JANUARY 19, 2024

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - JANUARY 19, 2024)

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

Adopted Item

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

ENDING ROLL CALL

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

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
Blumenfield	Rodriguez	JoVonne Lavender

ADJOURNING MOTIONS

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
McOsker	All Councilmembers	Officer II Austin Cronkrite
de León	All Councilmembers	Melvin Tunstall

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to additional funding for environmental clean-up services performed by the State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), for City-owned property known as the Slauson Wall Site located at 5867 South Los Angeles Street in Council District 9.

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

- APPROVE additional funding in the amount of in the amount of \$100,000 from the LAHD Low Moderate
 Housing Fund No. 55J, Account No. 43K008, for use by the LAHD for site assessment and oversight
 services related to the Slauson Wall Site; and, AUTHORIZE the LAHD to amend Contract No. C130849 with the DTSC, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
- 2. APPROVE funding in the amount of \$63,758 from the LAHD Low Moderate Housing Fund No. 551, Account No. 43K008 and \$117,859 from the LAHD Low Moderate Housing Fund No. 55J, Account No. 43N467, for use by the LAHD for the Slauson Wall Site remediation, site preparation and post remediation costs, including, but not limited to, groundwater monitoring, well destruction, excavation, backfill and post-remediation soil vapor monitoring costs; and, AUTHORIZE the LAHD to prepare, process and execute any document(s) necessary to carry out the related work, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
- 3. AUTHORIZE the LAHD, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to make any technical corrections or clarification as necessary to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

At a special meeting held on January 17, 2024, your Housing and Homelessness Committee considered Motion (Price - Hutt) relative to the approval of additional funding to cover the costs of environmental cleanup services performed by the DTSC and LAHD for the Slauson Wall Site located at 5867 South Los Angeles Street in Council District 9. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the recommendations contained in the Motion, as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

MEMBER
RAMAN:YOTERAMAN:YESBLUMENFIELD:YESHARRIS-DAWSON:ABSENTRODRIGUEZ:YESLEE:ABSENT

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MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled <u>LaCheryl Bell v. City of Los Angeles</u>, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV14369. (This is an employment case against the City of Los Angeles.), **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR**:

- AUTHORIZE the City Attorney's Office and the Emergency Operations
 Department to expend up to \$400,000 in settlement of the above-entitled matter.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009798, Miscellaneous Liability Payouts, made payable as follows: SCHIMMEL & PARKS, APLC ATTORNEY-CLIENT TRUST ACCOUNT in the amount of \$320,000.
- 3. AUTHORIZE the Emergency Operations Department to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/35, Account No. 001010, Salaries General, payable to LaCheryl Bell in the amount of \$80,000, less applicable withholdings and employment taxes.
- 4. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer, or designee, to make necessary technical adjustments, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

PRESENTED BY_	
	BOB BLUMENFIELD
	Councilmember, 3rd District
SECONDED BY _	
	MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
	Councilmember, 8th District

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled <u>Kellie Cueto v. City of Los Angeles</u>, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV30478. (This is a police employment case against the City of Los Angeles.), **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR**:

- 1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney's Office and the Los Angeles Police Department to expend up to **\$475,000** in settlement of the above-entitled matter.
- AUTHORIZE the Controller's Office to transfer \$427,500 from the Liability Claims Fund no. 100/59, Account No. 009798, Miscellaneous Liability Payouts, to Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009792, Police Liability Payouts.
- 3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009792, Police Liability Payouts, made payable as follows: LAW OFFICES OF GREGORY W. SMITH, LLP, CLIENT TRUST ACCOUNT in the amount of \$427,500.
- 4. AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Police Department to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/70, Account No. 001012, Sworn Salaries, payable to Kellie Cueto in the amount of \$47,500, subject to all applicable taxes, deductions, and withholdings.
- 5. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer, or designee, to make necessary technical adjustments, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

PRESENTED BY_	
	BOB BLUMENFIELD
	Councilmember, 3rd District
SECONDED BY	
	MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
	Councilmember, 8th District

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled <u>Arcelia Tello v. Salvador Chavez, et al.</u>, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV31596. (This matter arises from a traffic accident that occurred on January 30, 2022, on La Brea Avenue, approximately 292 feet south of Sunset Boulevard, in Los Angeles.):

REJECT the Plaintiff's offer of settlement.

This matter was recommended for approval by the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee (Blumenfield – Harris-Dawson – Yaroslavsky - McOsker: "Yes") at its meeting held on December 13, 2023, in Closed Session as permitted by Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

PRESENTED BY_	
	BOB BLUMENFIELD
	Councilmember, 3rd District
SECONDED BY _	
	MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
	Councilmember 8th District

AS 12/13/23 CF 23-1174

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled <u>Adrian Saavedra v. State of California, et al.,</u> Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV44223. (This matter arises from a trip and fall accident that occurred on March 5, 2021, near the intersection of Clinton Street and Manhattan Place, in the City of Los Angeles.), **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR**:

- 1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney's Office to expend up to **\$110,000** in settlement of the above-entitled matter.
- AUTHORIZE the Controller's Office to transfer \$110,000 from the Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009798, Miscellaneous Liability Payouts, to Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009795, Public Works, Street Services Liability Payouts.
- 3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009795, Public Works, Street Services Liability Payouts, as follows: Sarajian Law Group, APLC and Adrian Saavedra in the amount of **\$110,000**.
- 4. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

PRESENTED BY_	
	BOB BLUMENFIELD
	Councilmember, 3rd District
SECONDED BY	
	MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
	Councilmember, 8th District

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled <u>Cynthia Pfeiffer v. City of Los Angeles</u>, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV14733. (This matter arises from an August 19, 2019, trip and fall accident, on Coldwater Canyon near Harvard Westlake Drive, in the City of Los Angeles.), **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR**:

- 1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney's Office to expend up to \$750,000 in settlement of the above-entitled matter.
- AUTHORIZE the Controller's Office to transfer \$750,000 from the Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009798, Miscellaneous Liability Payouts, to Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009795, Public Works, Street Services Liability Payouts.
- AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009795, Public Works, Street Services Liability Payouts, as follows: Kasparian Law Firm, APC d/b/a KP Law and Cynthia Pfeiffer in the amount of \$750,000.
- 4. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

PRESENTED BY_	
	BOB BLUMENFIELD
	Councilmember, 3rd District
SECONDED BY	
	MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
	Councilmember, 8th District

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled <u>Kira Tityuk</u>, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV29317. (This matter arises out of a vehicle traffic collision that occurred on November 8, 2019, at the intersection of Balboa Boulevard and Plummer Street.), **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR**:

- 1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney's Office to expend up to **\$575,000** in settlement of the above-entitled matter.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to draw two demands from Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009798, Miscellaneous Liability Payouts, as follows:
 - a. YMPK Law Group, LLP and Spencir Todd Bridges in the amount of \$500,000.
 - b. YMPK Law Group, LLP and Kira Tityuk in the amount of \$75,000.
- 3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

PRESENTED BY_	
	BOB BLUMENFIELD
	Councilmember, 3rd District
SECONDED BY _	
	MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
	Councilmember, 8th District

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled <u>Shiv Andrew Arora v. City of Los Angeles, et al.,</u> Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV35537. (This matter arises from a trip and fall accident that occurred on January 18, 2020, in front of a bus stop located at 1300 North Fairfax Avenue, in the City of Los Angeles.), **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR**:

- 1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney's Office to expend up to \$600,000 in settlement of the above-entitled matter.
- AUTHORIZE the Controller's Office to transfer \$600,000 from the Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009798, Miscellaneous Liability Payouts, to Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009795, Public Works, Street Services Liability Payouts.
- 3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009795, Public Works, Street Services Liability Payouts, as follows: Adamson Ahdoot, LLP and Shiv Andrew Arora in the amount of **\$600,000**.
- 4. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

PRESENTED BY_	
	BOB BLUMENFIELD
	Councilmember, 3rd District
SECONDED BY _	
	MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
	Councilmember 8th District

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled <u>Patrick Toolan v. City of Los Angeles</u>, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV40906. (This matter arises out of an incident in which a motorized scooter hit a pothole on North Orange Grove in the City of Los Angeles.), **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR**:

- 1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney's Office to approve up to \$235,000 in settlement of the above-entitled matter. These funds are being paid by Neutron Holdings, Inc. dba Lime based on the permit for Lime to operate scooters in the City of Los Angeles.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the payment of \$235,000 to be paid by Lime to Plaintiff on behalf of the City of Los Angeles to settle this matter.
- AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

This matter was recommended for approval by the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee (Blumenfield – Harris-Dawson – Yaroslavsky - McOsker: "Yes") at its meeting held on December 13, 2023, in Closed Session as permitted by Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

PRESENTED BY_	
	BOB BLUMENFIELD
	Councilmember, 3rd District
SECONDED BY _	
	MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
	Councilmember 8th District

AS 12/13/23 CF 23-1312

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled <u>Amadeo De Leon v. City of Los Angeles, et al.,</u> Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV14813. (This matter arises from a rear-end traffic collision that occurred on May 13, 2020, on the eastbound I-10 freeway, in the City of Los Angeles.), **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR**:

- 1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney's Office to expend up to \$356,400 in settlement of the above-entitled matter.
- AUTHORIZE the Controller's Office to transfer \$356,400 from the Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009798, Miscellaneous Liability Payouts, to Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009792, Police Liability Payouts.
- 3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009792, Police Liability Payouts, as follows: Law Offices of Shaffer & Gonor and Amadeo De Leon in the amount of \$356,400.
- 4. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

PRESENTED BY_	
	BOB BLUMENFIELD
	Councilmember, 3rd District
SECONDED BY	
	MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
	Councilmember, 8th District

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled <u>Matthew Westray v. City of Los Angeles</u>, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV28133. (This matter arises from a bicycle accident that occurred on November 2, 2020, on West 5th Street between Windsor Boulevard and Lorraine Boulevard, in the City of Los Angeles.), **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR**:

- 1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney's Office to expend up to \$300,000 in settlement of the above-entitled matter.
- AUTHORIZE the Controller's Office to transfer \$300,000 from the Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009798, Miscellaneous Liability Payouts, to Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009795, Public Works, Street Services Liability Payouts.
- 3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009795, Public Works, Street Services Liability Payouts, as follows: Ellis Law Corporation and Matthew Westray in the amount of \$300,000.
- 4. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

PRESENTED BY_	
	BOB BLUMENFIELD
	Councilmember, 3rd District
SECONDED BY	
	MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
	Councilmember 8th District

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled Renee E. Rodriguez v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV03277. (This matter arises from a trip and fall accident that occurred on January 25, 2020, on Olive Street and 5th Street, in the City of Los Angeles.):

REJECT the Plaintiff's Offer of Settlement.

This matter was recommended for approval by the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee (Blumenfield – Harris-Dawson – Yaroslavsky - McOsker: "Yes") at its meeting held on December 13, 2023, in Closed Session as permitted by Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

PRESENTED BY_	
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	Councilmember, 3rd District
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SECONDED BY _	
	MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
	Councilmember 8th District

AS 12/13/23 CF 23-1395

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled <u>Joyce Dyrector v. City of Los Angeles</u>, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV11022. (This matter arises from a trip and fall accident that occurred on February 27, 2020, near 6809 Iris Circle, in the City of Los Angeles.), **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR**:

- 1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney's Office to expend up to \$1,500,000 in settlement of the above-entitled matter.
- AUTHORIZE the Controller's Office to transfer \$1,500,000 from the Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009798, Miscellaneous Liability Payouts, to Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009795, Public Works, Street Services Liability Payouts.
- 3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009795, Public Works, Street Services Liability Payouts, as follows: Law Offices of Anthony A. Liberatore, APC and Joyce Dyrector in the amount of \$1,500,000.
- 4. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

PRESENTED BY_	
	BOB BLUMENFIELD
	Councilmember, 3rd District
SECONDED BY	
	MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
	Councilmember, 8th District

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled <u>Weslee Davis Jr., et al. v. Singer Vehicle Design, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV22667.</u> (This matter arises from automobile versus motorcycle accident that occurred on June 20, 2018, at the intersection of Wentworth Avenue and Wheatland Street, in the City of Los Angeles.), **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR**:

- 1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney's Office to expend up to \$3,500,000 in settlement of the above-entitled matter.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Controller's Office to transfer **\$3,500,000** from the Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009798, Miscellaneous Liability Payouts, to Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009797, Transportation Liability Payouts.
- 3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to draw three demands from Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009797, Transportation Liability Payouts, as follows:
 - a. \$1,883,895.44 to Sullivan & Sullivan Attorney-Client Trust Account.
 - b. \$1,366,104.56 to Mutual of Omaha Structured Settlement Company to fund future periodic payments in relation to the structured settlement.
 - c. \$250,000 to Structured Assignments, SCC in the amount to fund future periodic payments in relation to the structured settlement.
- 4. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

PRESENTED BY_	
	BOB BLUMENFIELD
	Councilmember 3rd District

SECONDED BY _	
	MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
	Councilmember, 8th District

AS 12/13/23 CF 23-1393 The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) is a government program which oversees and coordinates emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and homeland security within the State. The CalOES has authorized \$10 million to reimburse local law enforcement agencies for the overtime costs in support of faith communities through in-person security presence at religious institutions and places of worship amid the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) received 57 applications from religious institutions, places of worship, and religious schools within the City requesting law enforcement security support from the CalOES Local Law Enforcement Agencies Security Support program. The LAPD submitted the applications to CalOES on December 15, 2023, and December 20, 2023.

On December 21, 2023, CalOES informed the LAPD that \$1,086,075.00 was approved for 57 locations in the City through May 31, 2024, for reimbursement through the Local Law Enforcement Agencies Security Support program.

Approval of the reimbursement from the CalOES will allow the LAPD to deploy police officers on overtime in support of the Local Law Enforcement Agencies Security Support program.

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

- 1. Authorize the Chief of Police, or designee, to retroactively apply for and accept reimbursement from the State's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) for the Local Law Enforcement Agencies Security Support program for \$1,086,075.00 for overtime costs in support of faith communities through in-person security presence at religious institutions and places of worship in the City of Los Angeles from January 1, 2024, through May 31, 2024;
- 2. Authorize the Controller to establish a grant receivable and appropriate \$1,086,075.00 within Police Department Grant Fund No. 339-70 from available cash balance to an appropriation account to be determined for the receipt and disbursement of the CalOES Local Law Enforcement Agencies Security Support program reimbursement funds;
- 3. Authorize the LAPD to transfer \$1,086,075.00 from Police Department Grant Fund No. 339-70, above appropriation account, to Police Department Fund No. 100-70, Overtime Sworn Account No. 001092, in accordance with the agreement with CalOES;
- 4. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to submit grant reimbursement requests to CalOES and deposit grant receipts in Police Department Grant Fund No. 339-70;

5. Authorize the LAPD to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

PRESENTED BY:

Councilwoman, 11th District

Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:

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. The emergency declaration seeks to build, rent and acquire temporary and permanent housing. The declaration also proclaims a new process for expedited procurement of services, mobilization of local resources and assistance from other government agencies including the County of Los Angeles, the State of California, and the Federal Government. Additionally, on December 16, 2022, Mayor Karen Bass issued Executive Directive No. 1 (ED 1) to aid in sheltering the City's unhoused population through expedited permits and clearances for affordable housing.

State and Federal regulations monitor the payment drawdown process for LAHD to pay developers who then pay contractors. LAHD staff as well as consultants manage this work and it serves as the core function within the prevailing wage compliance monitoring unit. Specifically, State and Federal law require that all onsite project employees be paid the appropriate prevailing wage, according to widely accepted payment standards. To ensure contractors receive fair wages, LAHD staff in coordination with its contractor must review the work each construction contractor and subcontractor invoices via their pay applications.

On April 19, 2023, LAHD executed Contract C-143134 with GCAP Services, Inc. to assist LAHD in facilitating prevailing wage compliance reviews, specifically during the permanent financing conversion process. As of now, 36 projects are in the process of converting to permanent financing (also known as perm conversion). The perm conversion process requires additional staff time in order to perform project audits prior to payment dispersal - the key reason the Department hired a consultant in April - and the current GCAP Services, Inc. contract will run out of funds before the audits are complete on those 36 projects. Without additional funding, the final prevailing wage audits of the closing projects will be delayed.

Any delay in the permanent conversion process could cost the projects construction loan interest penalties and delay occupying the buildings with tenants. In order to avoid conversion delays and additional costs, the Department should obtain the support needed to meet deadlines.

On June 9, 2023, LAHD executed Contract C-143497 with Ellana, Inc. for assistance in reviewing affordable housing proposals to ensure compliance with design standards. LAHD has been able to meet the needs of the department for that service with additional funds remaining on the Ellana, Inc. contract. In order to fulfill the perm conversion deadlines, the Department recommends moving the balance of funds on the Ellana, Inc. contract to the GCAP Services, Inc. contract.

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

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AUTHORIZE the General Manager of LAHD, or designee, to:

- a) Disencumber \$200,000.00 FROM City Contract No. C-143497 with Ellana, Inc. funded by Fund No. 100/3040;
- b) Transfer funding and encumbrance TO City Contract No. C-143134 with GCAP Services, Inc. funded by Fund No. 100/3040

PRESENTED BY:

SECONDED BY

NITHYA RAMAN

Councilmember, 4th District

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On June 28, 2022 the Mayor approved Council File 21-0550-S1 which awarded \$800,000 in supplemental funds to the Vermont Corridor Apartments ("The Project"), a 72 unit, permanent supportive housing (PSH) apartment complex located at 433 South Vermont Avenue in Council District 10. The supplemental funds were a result of the construction supplemental Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) which LAHD made available to assist affordable and supportive housing projects experiencing financial challenges.

The initial \$800,000 in supplemental funding was composed of HOME funds from the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD). Not including the supplemental funds, the project currently has \$8,700,000 in LAHD funding made up of: \$7,200,000 in Proposition HHH Permanent Supportive Housing Loan Program funds and \$1,500,000 Low-Moderate Income Housing Financing (LMIHF). The Project has completed construction and is now seeking to convert its construction financing to permanent financing. Achieving the permanent financing milestone is also when the \$800,000 in supplemental funding were to be made available to the Project.

To be consistent with LAHD's current funding sources for the Project, the Department recommends switching the \$800,000 in supplemental HOME funds for \$800,000 in LMIHF funds. Since the Project does not currently have HOME funds as a financial source, a new loan agreement would need to be drafted to accommodate the HOME funds as well as an additional environmental clearance conducted. In incorporating this new funding source, the project risks missing milestones and delaying the conversion process.

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

AUTHORIZE the Controller to:

- a) Increase appropriation account 43P681 433 Vermont Apartments by \$800,000 from the available cash bash within the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund 55J/43.
- b) Prepare Controller Instructions and make any necessary technical adjustments consistent with Mayor and City Council action on this matter, subject to approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and instruct the Controller to implement the instructions.
- c) Deobligate \$800,000 in HOME funding for Vermont Corridor Apartments 561/43 43S800.
- d) Increase appropriation account 43P681 433 Vermont Apartments by \$800,000 from the available cash balance within the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund 55J/43.





e) Prepare Controller Instructions and make any necessary technical adjustments consistent with Mayor and City Council action on this matter, subject to approval of the CAO, and instruct the Controller to implement the instructions.

PRESENTED BY:

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NITHYA RAMAN

Councilmember, 4th District



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California and the City of Los Angeles (City) continue to be immersed in a homeless crisis. In 2023, as reported through the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, Los Angeles County experienced a 9% rise in homelessness, with an estimated 75,518 homeless people on any given night. The same report noted that the City of Los Angeles experienced a 10% rise in homelessness during the same period, with an estimated 46,260 homeless people on any given night. Due to the societal and public health impact homelessness imposes, the State recognized that the complex issues of homelessness cannot be completely addressed without supportive funding.

Beginning in fiscal year 2019-20, the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Program was established by the State to provide jurisdictions with one-time grant funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address their immediate homelessness challenges with a focus on moving homeless individuals and families into permanent housing and supporting the efforts of those individuals and families to maintain their permanent housing. To start, the State Budget for fiscal year 2019-20 allocated \$275 million, as part of a \$650 million fund, for homelessness programs to the largest 13 cities in the State proportional to their homelessness population. For fiscal year 2020-21, the State made available \$130 million in HHAP Round 2 funding to the same cities as part of a \$300 million dollar program. For HHAP Round 3, the State, for fiscal year 2021-22, expanded the program into a \$1 billion supportive funding source to address homelessness. For fiscal year 2023-24, HHAP continues to be a \$1 billion supportive funding source on the part of the State.

HHAP Round 5 funding grant, except for a few new limitations, generally follows the same guidelines for spending as the prior rounds, which the City previously received under Rounds 2 and 3. HHAP Round 5 funding continues to be eligible to be used for evidence-based solutions that address and prevent homelessness which includes: rental assistance and rapid rehousing, operating subsidies for supportive housing and shelters, landlord incentives, outreach and coordination, permanent and innovative housing solutions, prevention, and capital for navigation centers and emergency shelters.

The application for HHAP Round 5 is due by March 27, 2024. Differing from prior funding rounds where the cities submitted their own application, HHAP Round 5 is a regional application to be submitted together with the County of Los Angeles (County) and other participating cities located within the County. The regional application must include a regionally coordinated homeless action plan, funding plan, and a memorandum of understanding, signed by each participating entity committing them to participate in and comply with the regionally coordinated homeless action plan. Although the City is part of regional application, the City may to choose to receive and administer its grant allocation separately.

In order to be ready for the receipt of the grant, the City should begin to produce a plan to spend the HHAP Round 5 grant and establish priority categories. The City should work in coordination with the County, other participating cities located within the County, its City departments, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and other relevant parties, in order to formulate the regionally coordinated action plan and funding plan.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to take into consideration input from Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority, City departments, priorities of the Council and Mayor, and other relevant parties with respect to the regionally coordinated homeless action plan and funding plan and report to Council with recommendations as part of the HHAP Round 5 application within 30 days; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the CAO to work with the CLA and the City Attorney in reviewing the memorandum of understanding (MOU) in connection with the HHAP Round 5 application and report to City Council for approval of the MOU within 30 days; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the CAO to take all actions necessary to document and effectuate the submission of the HHAP Round 5 application with the County and other regional co-applicants to meet the March 27, 2024 deadline.

SECONDED BY:

PRESENTED BY

VITHYA RAMAN

Councilmember, 4th District

The City of Los Angeles it's currently in the process of updating the Boyle Heights Community Plan which will guide development in the community of Boyle Heights for the foreseeable future. Boyle Heights is one of the oldest and densest communities in Los Angeles, with narrow streets, many multifamily houses with little to no parking. The lack of parking negatively impacts the quality of life for Boyle Heights residents as was expressed clearly by residents during the Boyle Heights Community Plan process.

Due to new state laws and other restrictions, the City is severely limited in imposing parking requirements on new developments. This means developers are constructing far more units than they are parking spaces. This will exacerbate an already untenable parking situation and create tension between the construction of much needed affordable housing, much of which will be for families, and parking.

Further, the State of California has mandated that all cars put into service after 2035 be zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs). The existing charging infrastructure for ZEVs is woefully inadequate, particularly in older communities like Boyle Heights. The City's electric vehicle charging infrastructure needs to be dramatically upgraded in order to meet these state mandates. This can be accomplished by acquiring new parking lots and adding a significant amount of EV charging stations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the General Services Department, be instructed to report back in 30 days with potential locations for public parking lots adjacent to commercial corridors in Boyle Heights.

I FURTHER MOVE that when analyzing locations, the aforementioned departments be instructed to consult with the Department of City Planning on where future development is anticipated in Boyle Heights in order to align new parking lots with new housing construction.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer, in coordination with the Department of Transportation, be instructed to report back with potential funding sources to lease or acquire parking lots, including but not limited to the Special Parking Revenue Fund, and a plan for offsetting acquisition and capital costs with future parking revenues.

PRESENTED BY:

KEVIN DE LEÓN

Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:

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The 66th Grammy Awards sponsored by the Recording Academy will be held on February 4, 2024. The Grammy Awards show consistently attracts a worldwide television audience of over 2.5 billion viewers in over 140 countries of the annual presentation ceremony featuring performances by prominent recording artists. With such an extraordinary opportunity to showcase the City of Los Angeles, it is auspicious that Recording Academy selected the Crypto.com Arena from which the Grammy Awards will be telecast to an international audience.

As a special event, the Recording Academy is subject to the Special Events Ordinance enacted by Council in October 2009 which requires the recovery of costs for City resources. The Ordinance also provides for negotiations with the event sponsors in determining an appropriate payment for City services at major entertainment venues. Such negotiations take into consideration the economic benefit generated by the event. Given the high profile of the televised Grammy Awards, negotiating an appropriate payment for City services is an option that should be pursued. Moreover, doing so encourages the Recording Academy to maintain its long-standing relationship with the City to hold the Grammy Awards at a City venue.

The agreed upon rate with the Recording Academy for the past several years for City services has been \$110,000. The Recording Academy has agreed to pay the same amount for City services this year.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council approve the negotiated payment of \$110,000 for City services from the Recording Academy associated with the holding of the 2024 Grammy Awards at the Crypto.com Arena.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and Chief Legislative Analyst to negotiate a long-term contract between the City and the Recording Academy to hold future Grammy Awards in the City of Los Angeles.

I FURTHER MOVE that following the approval of the contract, Council authorize the CAO to execute and administer the contract between the City and the Recording Academy.

PRESENTED BY:

CURREN D. PRICE, JR.

Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY: Jran Parl

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Anthony "Top Dawg" Tiffith was born and raised in the Nickerson Gardens housing development in the neighborhood of Watts. Growing up in Nickerson Gardens was marked by the harsh realities of violence and constant struggle. Children, with dreams often bigger than their circumstances, grapple with the weight of their environment, facing the daily challenges of limited opportunities and the constant threat of violence.

The Nickerson Gardens became both a battleground and a crucible, shaping the resilience of those who call it home and leaving an indelible mark. In 2004, at the age of 30, drawn to the artistry and business side of music, Top Dawg founded a neighborhood record label. "Top Dawg Entertainment" (T.D.E.) became a space to cultivate budding talent and provide the opportunity for many that would not have been possible without his efforts.

As the founder of T.D.E., Top Dawg has had a transformative impact on the community. His commitment to uplifting local talent and fostering a sense of pride within Watts has proven to be a beacon of hope. T.D.E. is currently home to the pioneers of the hip-hop industry—bringing home Watt's first Grammy Award winner under Jay Rock as well as the hip-hop world's first Pulitzer Prize for literary excellence to Kendrick Lamar. Under the guidance of Tiffith, T.D.E. has brought honor and pride to the Watts community.

In December 2023, T.D.E. hosted its 10th annual T.D.E. Christmas event, an event that is marked by gracious resources provided to residents over a two-day period, including a star studded concert for the community.

By providing a space in the community that bears Top Dawg's name, his dedication to breaking barriers will live on and inspire generations to come. Dedicating an intersection in Watts can serve as a reminder of resilience, ambition, and the power of one person's vision to positively shape the destiny of a neighborhood within the City of Angels.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection of East Imperial Highway and South Central Avenue in Watts be designated as "Anthony Tiffith T.D.E. Music Square", and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at this location.

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Councilmember, 15th District

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Los Angeles' Neighborhood Council system was established in 1999 as a means to forge greater connections between Los Angeles' communities and City Hall.

Over time, as the system has grown and evolved, the City has implemented various changes to its administrative code in an effort to further community participation in local decision making. This includes Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.819, which requires that City boards and commissions allow Neighborhood Council representatives to share their council's formal position on an agenda item and, at the discretion of the Chair, more comment time than allotted to members of the general public.

While the Neighborhood Council system has enhanced participation in local government, there are examples of entities which predate the neighborhood council system and, although sharing the same purpose, are not granted similar privileges as those found under LAAC 22.819. Examples of these non-charter entities include the Brentwood Community Council, founded in 1998, and the Pacific Palisades Community Council, founded in 1973. Representing more than 70,000 stakeholders, these two community councils serve as the official representative bodies of these neighborhoods, fostering participation in local government, reviewing community issues and acting in an advisory capacity to the local council office.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to explore the feasibility of granting community councils the same privileges as those afforded to neighborhood councils under Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.819. This report should include an overview of legal and charter considerations, in addition to Brown Act compliance.

PRESENTED BY:

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