

Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding

Tuesday, March 5, 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, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Absent: de León, Hutt, Padilla, Rodriguez (4)

Approval of the Minutes

Commendatory Resolutions, Introductions and Presentations

Multiple Agenda Item Comment

Public Testimony of Non-agenda Items Within Jurisdiction of Council

Items Noticed for Public Hearing - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

(1) **23-0693**
CD 8

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the vacation of an alley east of Western Avenue north of Gage Avenue, VAC-E1401436 (Vacation).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the Vacation is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, pursuant to Article III, Class 5(3) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.
2. FIND that the street vacation proceedings pursuant to the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law be instituted for the vacation of the public right-of way indicated below and shown on the map of the October 20, 2023 City Engineer

report, attached to the Council file:

Alley east of Western Avenue and between Gage Avenue (North) and Gage Avenue (South).

3. FIND that there is a public benefit to the Vacation. Upon vacation of the street, the City is relieved of its ongoing obligation to maintain the street. In addition, the City is relieved of any potential liability that might result from continued ownership of the involved street easements.
4. FIND that the Vacation is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan, in conformance with Section 556 of the City Charter.
5. FIND that the Vacation is not necessary for non-motorized transportation facilities, in conformance with Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
6. FIND that the Vacation is not necessary for present or prospective public use, in conformance with Section 8324 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
7. ADOPT said City Engineer's report with the conditions contained therein with the amendment to delete Conditions 6.a.i and 6.b.i. in said City Engineer report.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$14,980 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 Section 7.44 of the LAAC will be required of the petitioner. Maintenance of the public easement by City forces will be eliminated.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

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

(2) **24-0107
CD 11**

HEARING COMMENTS relative to an Application for Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity for the sale of alcoholic beverages for both on-site and off-site consumption at Thatcher's LLC, located at 11718 San Vicente Boulevard (11714, 11716, 11718 San Vicente Boulevard).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. DETERMINE that the issuance of a liquor license at Thatcher's LLC, located at 11718 San Vicente Boulevard (11714, 11716, 11718 San Vicente Boulevard), will serve the Public Convenience or Necessity and will not tend to create a law enforcement problem.
2. GRANT the Application for Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity for the sale of alcoholic beverages for both on-site and off-site consumption at Thatcher's LLC, located at 11718 San Vicente Boulevard (11714, 11716, 11718 San Vicente Boulevard).
3. **INSTRUCT the City Clerk to transmit this determination to the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control as required findings under Business and Professions Code Section 23958.4.**

Applicant: Thatcher's LLC Attn: Thatcher Baker-Briggs

Representative: Ralph Barat Saltsman - Solomon, Saltsman and Jamieson

TIME LIMIT FILE - APRIL 30, 2024

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - APRIL 30, 2024)

Adopted Item to grant the Public Convenience or Necessity Application
Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Hutt, Padilla, Rodriguez (4)

Items for which Public Hearings Have Been Held

(3) **17-0274-S2**

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the 2022-23 Affordable Housing Linkage Fee (AHLF) Expenditure Plan.

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

1. APPROVE the AHLF Expenditure Plan for the revenue collected from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, as summarized by the tiers and allocations contained in the table under Recommendation I, of the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) report dated January 31, 2024, attached to Council file No. 17-0274-S2.

2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish new accounts and appropriate funds within Fund No. 59T - City of LA Housing Impact Trust Fund as outlined by account number, account name and amount in the table under Recommendation II.a of the LAHD report dated January 31, 2024, attached to the Council file.

 - b. Increase appropriations in the amount of \$674,832.05 in Account No. 001010, Salaries General Account within the LAHD Fund No. 100/43.

 - c. Transfer \$1,528,033.40 from Account No. 43T904 – Administrative Reserve to the following accounts within Fund No. 59T – City of LA Housing Impact Trust Fund as outlined by account number, account name and amount in the table under Recommendation II.c of the LAHD report dated January 31, 2024, attached to the Council file.

- d. Increase appropriations in the amount of \$1,007,471.44 for the following accounts within the LAHD Fund No. 100/43 as outlined by account number, account name and amount in the table under Recommendation II.d of the LAHD report dated January 31, 2024, attached to the Council file.
- e. Transfer \$676,471 from Account No. 43R727 - Innovative Housing Demo - ADU to Account No. 43W723 - Rental - New Construction within Fund No. 59T - City of LA Housing Impact Trust Fund.
- f. Transfer \$2,000,000 from Account No. 43W727 - Innovative Housing Demo - ADU to Account No. 43W723 - Rental - New Construction within Fund No. 59T - City of LA Housing Impact Trust Fund.

3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LAHD, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions and make any necessary technical adjustments consistent with the Mayor and Council actions, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement these instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LAHD reports that there is no impact to the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

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

(4) **23-0600-S17**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) First Quarter Report on Sworn Overtime by Division or Area.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE the October 31, 2023 LAPD report relative to the First Quarter Report on Sworn Overtime by Division or Area.
2. INSTRUCT the LAPD to include in all future quarterly reports the following:

For each division with over 10,000 hours in the quarterly report, the breakdown of the reasons for overtime authorization and the subsequent uses of overtime hours for each division.

3. INSTRUCT the LAPD to include in its next quarterly report the following:

A breakdown of how overtime hours are authorized (by division if they vary).

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the LAPD. 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, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Hutt, Padilla, Rodriguez (4)

(5) **24-0167
CD 15**

ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTION and TRADE, TRAVEL AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) Operating Agreement No. 23-9981 between the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) and Customs Air Warehouse, LLC, FTZ 202, Site No. 10E, for a term of five years with three, five-year renewal options.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II, Section 2(f) of the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines.

2. APPROVE the FTZ Operating Agreement No. 23-9981 between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (POLA) and Customs Air Warehouse, LLC, FTZ 202, Site 10E, for a term of five years with three, five-year renewal options.

3. CONCUR with the Board action on September 21, 2023, by Resolution No. 23-10242, authorizing the Executive Director, POLA, or designee, to execute the proposed FTZ Operating Agreement already approved as to form by the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer reports that approval of the proposed FTZ Operating Agreement No. 23-9981 with Customs Air Warehouse, LLC will result in the POLA receiving \$7,750 annually in accordance with FTZ Tariff No. 2. Approval of the Agreement is not projected to result in additional, incremental FTZ-related consulting service expenses being incurred by the POLA. The recommendations in the report comply with the POLA's Financial Policies. There is no impact to the City's General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - APRIL 15, 2024

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - APRIL 12, 2024)

Adopted Item

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

- (6) **12-1349**
CD 15 ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTION and TRADE, TRAVEL AND TOURISM

COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed Third Amendment to Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) Operating Agreement No. 22-2633-C between the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) and Schafer Brothers Distribution Center, Inc. (Schafer Brothers) FTZ 202, Site No. 12.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II, Section 2(f) of the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines.
2. APPROVE the FTZ Operating Agreement No. 22-2633-C between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (POLA) and Schafer Brothers, FTZ 202, Site No. 12, to extend the term by five years retroactively from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2027.
3. CONCUR with Board action on December 1, 2022, by Resolution No. 22-10105, authorizing the Executive Director, POLA, or designee, to execute the proposed Third Amendment to Foreign-Trade Zone Operating Agreement No. 22-2633-C.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer reports that approval of the proposed Third Amendment to FTZ Operating Agreement No. 22-2633-C with Schafer Brothers will result in the POLA receiving \$7,750 annually in accordance with FTZ Tariff No. 2. Approval of the amendment is not projected to result in additional, incremental FTZ-related consulting service expenses being incurred by the POLA. The recommendations in the report comply with the POLA's Financial Policies. There is no impact on the City's General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - APRIL 15, 2024

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - APRIL 12, 2024)

Adopted Item

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

(7) **23-0842-S2**

BUDGET, FINANCE, AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE REPORT and GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Third Construction Projects Report (CPR) for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

A. BUDGET, FINANCE, AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. CONCUR with the action taken by the Government Operations Committee on January 23, 2024, attached to Council file No. 23-0842-S2.
2. AMEND Attachment 1, page 20, Item JJ, of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report dated November 20, 2023, attached to Council file No. 23-0842-S2, to including the following language:

AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer \$142,311 from Capital and Technology Improvement Expenditure Program (CTIEP) Fund No. 100/54, Account No. 00Y953, entitled Mafundi/Robert Pitts Center, to the Department of General Services budgetary accounts for the Mafundi Building Repairs Project to fund the ongoing work including, but not limited to, the purchase and installation of HVAC equipment, as necessary to complete before the facility can be reopened, in the following amounts: Fund No. 100/40, Account No. 001101, Hiring Hall Construction - \$68,257; Account No. 001121, Benefits Hiring Hall Construction - \$32,220; Account No. 003180, Construction Materials - \$41,834; Total - \$142,311

B. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer \$15,313,931.82 between departments and funds as specified in Attachment 1, as outlined in the CAO report dated November 20, 2023, attached to Council file No. 23-0842-S2.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer \$6,591,186.30 between accounts within departments and funds as specified in Attachment 2, as outlined in the CAO report dated November 20, 2023, attached to the Council file.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller, in accordance with Recommendation No. 1 stated above, to reimburse the General Fund from monies within the Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) upon CAO approval and receipt of invoices by departments for construction materials and supplies for completed work to include labor services documentation that must contain an hourly breakdown with task codes detailing the completed MICLA eligible work, relative to the departmental accounts designated for the following projects:
 - a. Facilities Improvements: Security Surveillance System (Van Nuys Yard) and Silver Lake Yard Parking Improvement Project (Item J)
 - b. Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure for Yards and Facilities (Item K)
 - c. EV Chargers at Various Locations (Item EE)
 - d. Bureau of Engineering Trailer Capital Repairs – Los Angeles Zoo Department (Item MM)
4. REAUTHORIZE the use of up to \$20,327,000 in MICLA funding authority for various projects, as outlined in the CAO report dated November 20, 2023, attached to the Council file; and allow use beyond the City's Three-Year Spending Policy.
5. RESCIND the prior Controller's instructions approved by Council as

part of the 2023-24 First CPR relative to the appropriation of \$1.1 million in MICLA financing authorized for the Zoo's Adventure Island Demolition Project.

6. REPROGRAM the use of \$201,382 in MICLA financing provided in the 2022-23 Adopted Budget and later designated for Langur Bridge Repair/Replacement Project for structural repairs at the Los Angeles Zoo's Gorilla Tunnel and the Bongo Bridge.
7. AUTHORIZE the CAO to make technical corrections, as necessary, to the transactions authorized through the CAO report dated November 20, 2023, attached to the Council file, as required to implement the intent of those transactions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations stated in the report include transfers, appropriations and expenditure authority totaling \$21.90 million consisting of \$3.11 million General Fund, \$1.42 million MICLA, \$1.43 million CTIEP, \$1.71 million from grant awards, and \$14.23 million of various special funds. All transfers and appropriations are based on existing funds, reimbursements, or revenues. There is no additional General Fund impact for operations and maintenance costs as a result of these recommendations.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the actions recommended in the report include estimated amounts needed to fund ongoing maintenance, programming and operating needs of the projects, which complies with the City's Financial Policies.

Debt Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the issuance of MICLA debt is a General Fund obligation. Further information regarding the debt impact of this item can be found in the CAO report dated November 20, 2023, attached to the Council file.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

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

Rodriguez (4)

(8) **24-0067**

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to approving the proposed Citywide Coach LA Plan Agreement with the Los Angeles Parks Foundation and Nike USA, Inc., to accept funds and in-kind support for the Equitable Coaching Program Initiative.

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

1. APPROVE the proposed partnership agreement (Agreement) with the LAPF, a California nonprofit organization, and Nike, an Oregon registered corporation, detailed in Attachment 1 of the January 18, 2024 Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) report, attached to the Council file, stipulating the terms and conditions for the continued implementation of the Coach LA Initiative (Program), which is informed by the Coach Playbook (2023), which equips all coaches with the training and engagement to deliver early positive sport and play experience for all Los Angeles participants.
2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), or designee, to:
 - a. Execute the Agreement.
 - b. Accept the charitable contributions provided by LAPF and Nike as part of the Agreement, including but not limited to resources for Program implementation, Program and sustainability planning, and equipment, materials, and supplies in the furtherance of the Program, and specific purposes described in the proposed Agreement, collectively valued up to approximately \$750,000, as set forth in the Agreement.
3. AUTHORIZE the Chief Accounting Employee, RAP, or designee, to establish the necessary accounts and/or to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund No. 205 to accept charitable funds from LAPF provided by Nike for the Project Coordinator and Senior Project Coordinator positions for a one and a half year period.

4. DIRECT the RAP to submit the positions of Project Coordinator and Senior Project Coordinator for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board reports that acceptance of the charitable contributions provided by Nike through a monetary donation to LAPF and in-kind contributions received by the RAP will have no negative fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Adopted Item

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

(9) **24-0113**

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the status of the Special Treatment and Recovery (STAR) Program and transfer of funds within the Animal Welfare Trust Fund to pay anticipated STAR Program invoices.

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

1. APPROVE the transfer of funds within the Animal Welfare Trust Fund to pay anticipated STAR Program invoices as detailed in the December 15, 2023, Department of Animal Services report, attached to the Council file.
2. APPROVE the disbursement of the funds in accordance with the provisions of the Animal Welfare Trust Fund.
3. DIRECT the Department of Animal Services to include expenditures authorized in the Board of Animal Services Commissioners (Board) report in the Department's Quarterly Financial Reports to the Board.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Department of Animal Services reports that there will be no financial impact to the General Fund. The donations deposited into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund, Available Account are for unrestricted purposes and can be used to support Department programs in accordance with the provisions of the Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Adopted Item

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

(10) **19-0685-S2**
CDs 8, 9

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS and BUDGET, FINANCE AND INNOVATION COMMITTEES' REPORT and AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION relative to an amendment to the SB2/Permanent Local Housing Allocation Plan (PLHA) Program and funding allocation changes for the Central Avenue Apartments project located at 8925 South Central Avenue and The Carlton project located at 5423 South Western Avenue.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Raman – Soto-Martinez), SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:

- a. Deobligate \$5,570,831 for project Central Avenue Apartments from Home/561 43V800-AHMP and \$5,570,832 for project The Carlton from HOME/561 43V800-AHMP as per Council file No. 22-0876.
- b. Deobligate \$5,252,761 in SB2/64R-43V726-Rental new construction and \$1,213,986 in SB2/64R-43V724 preservation funds from the PHK3, Council file No. 21-0112-S3.
- c. Obligate \$2,686,678 in SB2/64R-43V726-Rental new construction and \$2,884,153 in SB2/64R-43V724 preservation funds for project Central Avenue Apartment.

- d. Obligate \$2,686,679 in SB2/64R-43V726-Rental new construction and \$2,884,153 in SB2/64R-43V724 preservation funds for project The Carlton.
 - e. Obligate \$6,466,747 in HOME/561 43Y800-AHMP for PHK3.
 - f. Disencumber \$120,596 from City Contract No. C-139995 with ONEgeneration funded by SB2 PLHA Fund No. 64R, Account No. 43VB50-ADU Accelerator Program.
 - g. Transfer \$120,596 from 43VB50-ADU Accelerator Program to 43V723-Rental New Construction within the SB 2 PLHA Fund No.64R.
2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), or designee, to prepare the Controller instructions and any necessary technical adjustments consistent with the Mayor and Council actions; and, REQUEST the Controller to implement the instructions.
3. AMEND Motion (Raman – Soto-Martinez) dated February 14, 2024, attached to Council file No. 19-0685-S2, to add the following recommendations:
- a. APPROVE the updated 2021-22 SB-2 / PLHA Expenditure Plan, as summarized in the table on page 2 of the Communication from the LAHD dated February 21, 2024, attached to Council file No. 19-0685-S2.
 - b. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LAHD, or designee, subject to review and approval of the City Attorney as to form, to negotiate and execute the acquisition / predevelopment / construction / permanent and loan agreements with the legal owner for The Carlton and Central Avenue Apartments, both of which received awards from other leveraging sources, subject to the satisfaction of all conditions and criteria contained in the LAHD Affordable Housing Managed Pipeline application, and SB2 Permanent Local Housing Allocation guidelines.

- c. AMEND the source of funds of the award amount of \$7,931,350, to \$5,570,831 from SB2 and \$2,360,519 from HOME, to Central Ave. Apartments, L.P. for Central Avenue Apartments located at 8925 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90002.
- d. AMEND the source of funds of the award amount of \$7,771,750, to \$5,570,832 from SB2 and \$2,200,918 from HOME, to Abode Communities for The Carlton located at 5423 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90062.
- e. ADOPT the accompanying AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION, as required by the State, attached to the Communication from the LAHD dated February 21, 2024.

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

Items Called Special

Motions for Posting and Referral - SEE ATTACHED

Council Members' Requests for Excuse from Attendance at Council Meetings

Adjourning Motions

Council Adjournment

ENDING ROLL CALL

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

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MOTION

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

Shared housing is a living arrangement where people share a house or apartment, with a shared common area and individual rooms for the residents of that unit. There are pre-existing shared housing models that provide affordable housing options for families and for unrelated individuals to share the cost of rent, and models that provide enhanced health and supportive services.

Shared housing is a model that is actively supported by the federal government. In guidance issued in January 2021, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) stated "Shared Housing remains a permissible and viable option that may be made available" to Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) holders. And in February 2024, HUD approved a waiver to the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), allowing for rent payment standards to owners of shared housing units based on available, comparable rental data for room-for-rent listings in similar structures.

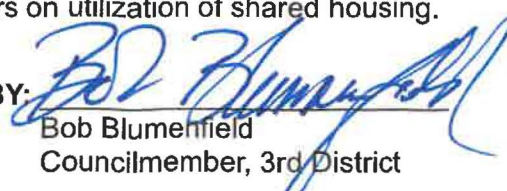
The City has also been piloting shared housing models for people experiencing homelessness, and opportunities to scale this housing typology should be explored while leveraging services and funding from non-City sources. Given the continued shortage of affordable housing and the barriers voucher holders can face — in 2022, 40% of families that received a voucher were unable to secure housing — shared housing can more effectively leverage the region's HCV allocation and can avail additional housing options for voucher holders.

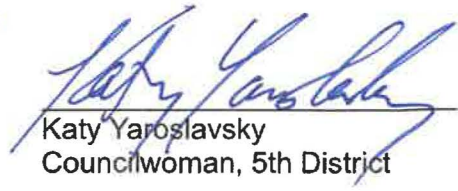
WE THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to report within 90 days on shared housing typologies serving low-income populations, people experiencing homelessness, and older adults, and an overview of funding sources that can provide health services and rental assistance for shared housing residents;

WE FURTHER MOVE that the City Council direct the CLA, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), and with requested input from the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), to report within 90 days on recommendations to increase shared housing in Los Angeles, including but not limited to the administration of Housing Choice Vouchers ("HCVs"), optimal programmatic structures for matching prospective roommates, cost-effective incentives for potential landlords, and housing options with health and supportive services for the City to consider as partnership programs with additional funding sources;

WE FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request LAHSA to report back within 90 days on a communication and education plan to engage case management and housing navigation staff of service providers on utilization of shared housing.

PRESENTED BY:


Bob Blumenfeld
Councilmember, 3rd District


Katy Yaroslavsky
Councilwoman, 5th District

SECONDED BY:



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