

Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding

Friday, May 10, 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., Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (10); Absent: de León, Hutt, Padilla, Raman, Soto-Martínez (5)

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) **24-0496**
CD 10

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the dedication of City-owned real property as a public street lying on the east side of Claudina Avenue and the south side of Washington Boulevard - Right of Way No 36000-10267.

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

1. FIND that this dedication of City-owned land as a public sidewalk is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, under Article III, Class 5(4) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.

2. DEDICATE, ACCEPT and ESTABLISH the City-owned real property lying on the east side of Claudina Avenue and the south side of Washington Boulevard, as shown on the Exhibit Map of the January 26, 2024 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file, as part of Claudina Avenue and Washington Boulevard, a public street of the City.
3. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated March 15, 2024, authorizing the dedication, acceptance and establishment of certain real property owned by the City as part of the east side of Claudina Avenue and the south side of Washington Boulevard, all public streets of the City.
4. FIND that this dedication, acceptance, and establishment, of City-owned real property as public street is in substantial conformance with the purpose, intent, and provisions of the General Plan, pursuant to Section 556 of the City Charter.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Bureau of Engineering Report; Ordinance held over to May 17, 2024 for second consideration

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

(2) **24-0497
CD 3**

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to an offer to dedicate an easement for storm drain on 20101 West Ventura Boulevard - Right of Way No. 36000-10236 (Dedication).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the Dedication is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 pursuant to Article III, Class 5(19) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.
2. ACCEPT the petitioner's offer for the Dedication, substantially as shown on the Exhibit Map of the April 25, 2024 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file.
3. AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works to acquire the Dedication.
4. **INSTRUCT the City Clerk to forward a copy of the Council action on this project to the Bureau of Engineering, Survey Division for processing.**

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

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

Items for which Public Hearings Have Been Held

(3) **24-0292**

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the services provided within the geographic areas covered by Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), or designated waste hauler, as compared to the service levels provided outside of BID areas, and related matters.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Soto-Martinez – Blumenfield):

1. DIRECT the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) to report to Council within 60 days on the services the BOS provides within the geographic areas covered by BIDs, or its designated waste hauler, as compared to the service levels provided outside of BID areas, including but not limited to, how many tons of refuse the BOS collects.
2. DIRECT the Bureau of Street Services to report to Council within 60 days on how many lane-miles of street sweeping it provides in BID areas in comparison to service levels provided outside of BID areas.
3. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with support from the BOS to report to Council within 60 days on options the City can use to offset costs related to waste disposal for each active BID existing under ordinance, as verified by the Office of the City Clerk.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO 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., Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Hutt, Padilla, Raman, Soto-Martínez (5)

(4) **24-0254**
CD 12

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the current complaints about odors emitting from the Sunshine Canyon Landfill facility, the root causes of the odors and steps being implemented to address them, and related matters.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Lee – Yaroslavsky):

REQUEST the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Local Enforcement Agency, Republic Services, and the Bureau of Sanitation to report to Council on the status of addressing the current complaints about odors emitting from

the Sunshine Canyon Landfill facility, and explain the root causes of the odors, and what steps are being implemented to address them.

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

(5) **24-0363**

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2024-25 Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) Budget.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the March 28, 2024 Board of Water and Power Commissioners report relative to the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2024-25 LADWP Budget, attached to the Council file.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Adopted Item

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

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

(6) **24-0007-S12**

CD 13

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

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the installation of the name of Richard Blade at 1725 Vine Street.

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

(7) 16-0358-S2

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (RODRIGUEZ – PADILLA - ET AL.) relative to crime statistics on Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) trains, buses, platforms, and stations, and the Metro’s Ambassador Program.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to report to the Public Safety Committee on the crime statistics on Metro trains, buses, platforms and stations from 2017 to current time, including the demographic breakdown of all victims.
2. REQUEST the Metro and INSTRUCT the LAPD to report to the Public Safety Committee on the scale of deployment and role of Metro’s Ambassador program, and how it interacts and intersects with the LAPD and any other relevant law enforcement agencies to respond to calls for service riders and transit operators including bus operators.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Public Safety Committee waived consideration of the above matter.)

Adopted Item as Amended by Motion (Rodriguez – Park)

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

Items Called Special

Motions for Posting and Referral

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, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (10); Absent: de León, Hutt, Padilla, Raman, Soto-Martínez (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
McOsker	Harris-Dawson	Teacher Appreciation Week
McOsker	Blumenfield	ALS Awareness Month
Hernandez	Price	Father Greg Boyle Day
Rodriguez	Harris-Dawson	40 th Anniversary of Purple Rain
Rodriguez	Hernandez	Madness Day

for May 14, 2024

MOTION

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

#51

On May 6, 2024, the Board of Public Works held an appeal hearing for 8461 West Grand View Drive for an enforcement matter relating to the unpermitted removal of multiple protected trees and a protected shrub. This parcel is located in Council District 4. The Board of Public Works considered and made a final determination on an appeal filed by the property owner under Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 46.06(d) contesting the Bureau of Street Services' October 27, 2023 findings and determination to request the Superintendent of Building, Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, to withhold issuance of building permits for a period of four years for the removal of protected tree(s) and/or shrub(s) in violation of LAMC Section 46.00. The Board of Public works determined that protected trees and a protected shrub had been removed without a permit, but reduced the moratorium on future building permits down to two years (which will result in the final moratorium expiring on July 6, 2025).

The Bureau of Street Services alleged that the property owner hired tree removal contractors to remove trees and shrubs from this property on June 28, 2023, July 7, 2023, and July 27, 2023, *including protected trees and shrubs*, without obtaining any City permits. The ensuing removals included seven protected trees (California Black Walnut) and one protected shrub (Mexican Elderberry). During the tree removal process, the Bureau alleged that a neighbor notified the property owner that there were protected trees being illegally removed, and that the tree removals continued during the following weeks. LAMC Section 46.02 requires a permit from the Board of Public Works to remove protected trees or shrubs. LAMC Section 46.06 authorizes the Bureau of Street Services to request the Department of Building and Safety to withhold issuance of all building permits for a period of time up to ten years and/or to revoke existing permits on properties where it has been determined that unpermitted protected tree removals have occurred. In accordance with LAMC 46.06, Bureau of Street Services notified the property owner of its intent to act pursuant to that Section.

On September 27, 2023, the Bureau of Street Services conducted a hearing before a hearing examiner following the enforcement procedures under LAMC 46.06. The Bureau recommended that the Department of Building and Safety revoke and withhold building permits for 8461 West Grand View Drive for seven years. After the administrative hearing, the hearing examiner determined that protected trees and a protected shrub had been removed without a permit and determined that future building permits would be withheld for a period of four years. This decision was appealed by the property owner to the Board of Public Works.

On May 3, 2024, Council District 4 issued a letter to the Board of Public Works stating its strong support for the Bureau of Street Services' findings and determination requesting the Department of Building and Safety to withhold issuance of building permits for a period of four years and requested a denial of the appeal based on preponderance of evidence, including witness testimony; detailed processes and procedures relating to protected trees and shrubs in the LAMC; and recurring tree removal activities following the issuance of administrative hearing notices. At its meeting on May 6, 2024, the Board of Public Works, in a 3-2 vote, determined that the protected trees and the protected shrub had been removed without a permit, but reduced the withholding of building permits to two years. The Board also recommended that city staff work with the property owner on a replanting plan that would bring the property into 4:1 compliance with regard to tree replanting, though the Board acknowledged that such replanting was not a binding requirement.

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As noted by the Bureau of Street Services, the replanting plan is entirely voluntary and the reduced two year penalty is not impactful nor does it meet the express intent of the Protected Tree Ordinance (LAMC 46.00), adding to the Council Office's and the public's consternation associated with the lack of consequences for bad actor behavior. Further, following the Board's decision, at least one public comment was received by the Board indicating that the property owner had commenced removing more protected trees without obtaining permits. Reasonable and measured enforcement of the City's Protected Tree Ordinance is a critically important tool to preserve the City's vital urban canopy and the rich environmental benefits and habitat that a healthy tree canopy can provide.

Immediate Council action is needed to assert jurisdiction over the Board of Public Works' decision in order to conduct further review. Pursuant to Section 245 of the City of Los Angeles Charter, actions of boards of commissioners shall become final at the expiration of the next five meeting days of the Council during which the Council has convened in regular session, unless the Council acts within that time by two-thirds vote to bring the action before it or to waive review of the action. If the Council timely asserts jurisdiction over the action, the Council may, by two-thirds vote, veto the action of the board within 21 calendar days of voting to bring the matter before it, or the action of the board shall become final.

I THEREFORE MOVE that pursuant to Charter Section 245, the Council assert jurisdiction over the May 6, 2024 Board of Public Works actions on Case: BPW-2024-0168 relative to an appeal filed by the property owner on the subject of illegal protected tree and shrub removal at 8461 West Grand View Drive.

I FURTHER MOVE that upon assertion of jurisdiction, this matter be referred to Committee for further review.

PRESENTED BY:

for



NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



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MOTION

On April 6, 2024 at approximately 8:45pm, 41-year-old Luis Andino Hernandez and his wife were closing up their shop at a swap meet located at 725 S. Alvarado Street. Mr. Hernandez noticed a heated argument between two unknown female Hispanics on the sidewalk near his parked vehicle. At that time Mr. Hernandez had his three young children waiting for him inside the vehicle. With the intent to keep his children safe and away from harm, Mr. Hernandez decided to move them away from the fight. As Mr. Hernandez was walking up to his vehicle, a suspect who was parked next to Mr. Hernandez's vehicle fired a single gunshot striking him in the upper left torso.


The suspect fled the scene and drove off northbound on Alvarado Street and turned eastbound onto 7th Street. The two females who were fighting also fled the scene in separate directions. Mr. Hernandez was transported to a local hospital for treatment where it was determined that he would not be able to walk again due to the injury from the bullet to his spinal cord. Witnesses were only able to provide the responding officers with very limited information. Surveillance videos were only able to identify the car as a 2008-2015 silver Toyota Camry, 4-door sedan, with tinted windows, a moonroof, and an unknown license plate.

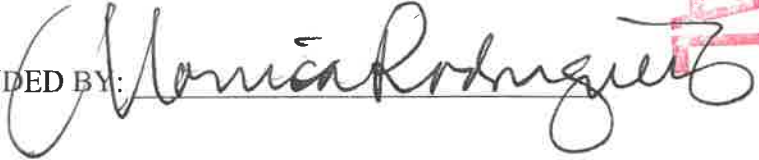
The person or persons responsible for this crime represent an ongoing threat to the safety of the people of Los Angeles; therefore, it is appropriate for the City of Los Angeles to offer a reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the permanent injuries to Luis Andino Hernandez.

I THEREFORE MOVE that by adoption of this Motion, the City Council provide an offer of reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the assault of Mr. Hernandez on April 6, 2024, and in support thereof, make the following findings pursuant to Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code:

1. That the assault of Mr. Hernandez was caused by the willful misconduct of one or more persons.
2. That this offer of reward is consistent with and taken for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety of local residents, as well as visitors to the City, and is consistent with the need to arrest and convict the person or persons who, because of not being apprehended, could by their actions further terrorize and present a continuing and immediate menace to the rights of persons in the City.
3. That what happened to Mr. Hernandez is an especially disturbing crime and therefore, as a matter of public policy, the City hereby offers a reward as an added inducement for persons to come forward with information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the permanent injuries to him.
4. That the sum of \$25,000 shall be the aggregate maximum sum of any payment or payments of a City reward in this instance.
5. That the offer of reward shall be in effect for six months from the date of the advertisement of the reward by the City Clerk.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to cause notices and/or advertisements to be duly published according to the requirements of Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, and to thereby cause the offer of reward to become effective.

PRESENTED BY: 
EUNISSES HERNANDEZ
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY: 

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MOTION

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED #53

The Sunshine Canyon Community Amenities Trust Fund provides funds for financing community amenities within the City of Los Angeles, within five miles of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill.

Providence Holy Cross Medical Center (PHCMC) serves approximately 18,000 individuals from Los Angeles City Council District 12 annually.

Equipment is needed in their emergency department and Trauma Center. Support of these critical care pieces of equipment will reach the most vulnerable patients and provide lifesaving care.

Sufficient funds are available in Sunshine Canyon Community Amenities Trust Fund for this purpose. The Providence Holy Cross Foundation is assisting Providence Holy Cross Medical Center, which serves the North San Fernando Valley, to obtain much needed medical equipment.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council RESOLVE that \$250,000 in the Sunshine Canyon Community Amenities Trust Fund No, 699-14 be allocated / appropriated for much needed equipment to Providence Holy Cross Foundation to assist Providence Holy Cross Medical Center to obtain much needed medical equipment.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to prepare and process the necessary document(s) with, and/or payment(s) to Providence Holy Cross Foundation, or any other agency or organization, as appropriate, in the above amount, from the above source, and for the above purposes, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, if needed; and that, if needed, the Council member of the Twelfth District be authorized to execute any such documents on behalf of the City.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be authorized to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this motion.

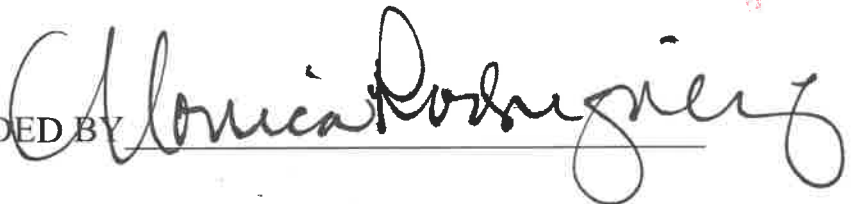
PRESENTED BY



JOHN S. LEE

Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY



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MOTION

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED #54

On July 1, 2022, the City Council adopted the Legacy Business Program (CF #19-0781) to assist legacy businesses in the City of Los Angeles with increasing operational costs. Beginning in the Summer of 2024, this program will provide various types of assistance to qualifying businesses, including deploying up to \$4 million in grants to support approximately 245 businesses, providing technical assistance and trainings, and carrying out promotional activities.

As the program was adopted, the Small Business Commission was authorized to review and approve applications. However, this commission is an advisory board that serves as a liaison between the City and the small business community, not a decision making body with authority to approve applications for this program. Considering that the Legacy Business Program has already begun receiving applications and the ARPA funds that will be used for the grants must be expended promptly, a change to this direction must be made to ensure that small businesses receive all the help they need to continue operating and making significant contributions to Los Angeles.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council AMEND the Economic Development and Jobs Committee report dated June 14, 2022 relative to the Legacy Business Program to change recommendations 1a and 6 to read as follows:

1a. The EWDD will create an application process for businesses to be included on the Legacy Business Registry, quarterly review applications, receive recommendations from the Small Business Commission with respect to the applications submitted, and provide regular updates to the Small Business Commission of those businesses approved for inclusion on the Registry.

6. AUTHORIZE the EWDD to establish and implement a Legacy Business Registry, including soliciting, reviewing, and approving candidates for designation as a Legacy Business, and to provide a designation summary of those businesses approved for inclusion on the Registry to the Small Business Commission.

PRESENTED BY: Paul Krekorian
PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

PRESENTED BY: Curren Price
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Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY: Joan Burke

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MOTION

In June 2023, the City Council authorized (C.F. 21-0112-S3) the Los Angeles Housing Department to jointly apply with Hope the Mission/CDRG to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development Homekey 3 Notice of Funding Availability, dated March 29, 2023, to acquire the Oak Tree Inn at 17448 Ventura Boulevard in Council District 4, for interim housing. The City Council also re-approved and obligated funds for the Homekey 3 City match and funding recommendation letter from the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP)-2 Youth Set-Aside, HHAP-3 Youth Set-Aside, and HHAP-3 Permanent Supportive Housing Set-Aside. The project is now ready to close and capital funding in the amount of \$3,834,200 needs to be transferred to the appropriate accounts.

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

1. Request the Controller to transfer funds in the amount of \$3,263,400 from Fund 64J, Dept 10, Acct 10V774 and \$570,800 from Fund 65S, Dept 10, Acct 10W745 to Fund 64J, Dept 43 and Fund 65S, Dept 43, respectively, and appropriate to new appropriation account 43YD57, "Oak Tree Inn";
2. Authorize the General Manager of the Los Angeles Housing Department or designee to disburse up to \$3,834,200 from the new appropriation account; and,
3. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer to prepare Controller instructions or make necessary technical adjustments, to implement the intent of these transactions, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

PRESENTED BY: 
 NITHYA RAMAN
 Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY: 

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PUBLIC WORKS

I MOVE to direct the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) to prioritize and report on plans to implement the following:


- Personally serving citations regarding violations of sidewalk vending rules, as opposed to mailing citations, and informing vendors of the alleged violation at the time of citation, including how to address and avoid the violation in the future;
- Providing education regarding violations and information about how violations can be avoided before issuing citations;
- Providing ability for vendors to voice complaints and feedback via phone regarding interactions with City officers, that is tracked for review by leadership of BSS;
- Regularly updating educational materials, including in both English and Spanish, to reflect any ordinance or regulation changes to the sidewalk vending program;
- Providing information to vendors regarding options for them to provide feedback and complaints if they feel their rights have been violated; and
- Committing to quarterly meetings to listen to vendors' concerns.

I FURTHER move to direct BSS to report on the weapons or other devices (including pepper spray) that officers carry, their intended use, their rate of use, and how BSS can ensure that they do not look like lethal weapons.

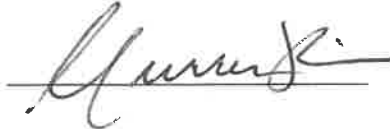
I FURTHER MOVE to direct the CLA to report on options to provide cultural competency training to BSS personnel who work with sidewalk vendors.

I FURTHER MOVE to request the City Attorney to provide instructions and assistance to BSS for officers to provide "ability to pay determination" notice in English and Spanish, accompanying any citation issued, informing vendors of their right to request a fine reduction.

PRESENTED BY:


HUGO SOTO-MARTINEZ
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY:



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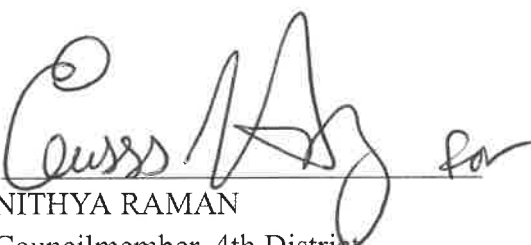
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In 2020, during the George Floyd protests, community members lined the 2.2 miles of fencing surrounding the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs with colorful fabric such as cotton sheets and scarves woven into the fence spelling out the names of more than 100 innocent unarmed Black individuals who have been killed across the United States by law enforcement. In the four years since its creation, this memorial has fallen into disrepair. Recognizing the importance of the events that motivated the creation of this memorial, the City should explore a permanent art installation in keeping with its spirit.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Department of Cultural Affairs, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, the Department of Water and Power, and any other relevant agencies, report back within 30 days on the process, funding needed, and potential funding sources for a permanent art installation in the area surrounding the Silver Lake Reservoir in memory of Black Americans who have been killed by law enforcement.

PRESENTED BY:  for
NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY: 

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies, proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency, must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, existing law allows for the creation of LLCs and similar entities to provide legal protection for assets, such as protecting an owner’s family home from liquidation during a business bankruptcy; and

WHEREAS, while LLCs can shield personal assets, they can also obscure an owner’s identity; and

WHEREAS, there are dangerous ways that this obfuscation can impact residents of our City, including the provision of safe housing; and

WHEREAS, property owners can skirt accountability by switching LLCs once they are cited for a violation to confuse and draw out enforcement proceedings; and

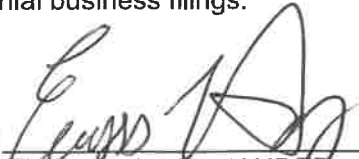
WHEREAS, the use of LLCs in housing ownership can also lead to a false impression that a property is owned by a “mom and pop” landlord, when in reality it is owned by an entity that operates multiple LLCs, each for a different property; and

WHEREAS, this misrepresentation could open the City up to potential attempted fraud if LLC operators purport to qualify for certain programs for “small landlords” when in reality they may own hundreds, if not thousands, of properties; and

WHEREAS, SB 1201 (Durazo) seeks to establish transparency in the ownership of LLCs and similar corporations by requiring each entity to disclose the name of each person with substantial control over the entity both upon creation and upon submitting their required biennial business filings; and

WHEREAS, the added transparency this bill would provide would help provide accountability for landlords, employers, and others using LLCs to conduct their business, giving our residents a better chance at fair, safe treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2024-2025 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 1201 (Durazo), which would establish transparency in the ownership of LLCs and similar corporations by requiring each entity to disclose the name of each person with substantial control over the entity both upon creation and upon submitting their required biennial business filings.

PRESENTED BY: 
EUKISSES HERNANDEZ
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY: 

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RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, existing law requires the Labor Commission to issue a civil wage and penalty assessment to a contractor or subcontractor, or both, if, after an investigation, the commissioner determines there has been a violation of the laws regulating public works contracts, including the payment of prevailing wages; and

WHEREAS, existing law requires the assessment to be served not later than 18 months after the filing of a valid notice of completion in the office of the county recorder in each county in which the public work or some part thereof was performed, or not later than 18 months after acceptance of the public work, whichever occurs last; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 2135 (AB 2135) related to public works contracts and related wage and penalty assessments is aimed at bolstering the rights of employees to seek justice for wage theft by extending the statute of limitations for investigations and ensuring cases aren't closed simply because the state Labor Commission is unable to complete an investigation; and

WHEREAS, AB 2135 links a commitment to protecting workers' pocketbooks by eradicating wage theft and ensuring fair labor practices across the state; and

WHEREAS, the rights of employees to seek justice for wage theft by extending the statute of limitations for investigations and ensuring cases aren't closed simply because the state Labor Commission is unable to complete an investigation; and

WHEREAS, wage theft is a pervasive issue impacting too many workers, often going unchallenged due to fear of retaliation, insufficient documentation, and the lengthy nature of the complaint process; and

WHEREAS, AB 2135 seeks to dismantle these barriers by providing the Labor Commissioner's office with additional time to assess and resolve complaints, even after the completion of a public works project; and

WHEREAS, for far too long, in the case of wage theft complaints submitted to the Labor Commission, all of a worker's efforts can be in vain if the Commission cannot issue an assessment for any reason within the allotted time— this stacks the system against a worker, and

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for employees who have been wronged, staffing shortages or any other emergency which would delay the Commission and can be the difference of a worker receiving pay they're owed or not; and

WHEREAS, AB 2135 helps ensure that workers are paid the wages they are rightly owed:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 2135, this bill extends, from 18 to 24 months, or even longer with good cause, the time period the Labor Commission has to issue a civil wage and penalty assessment against a public works contractor or subcontractor.

PRESENTED BY:



TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:



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MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND MOTION (RODRIGUEZ – PADILLA, ET AL.) relative to crime statistics on Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) trains, buses, platforms, and stations, including the Metro’s Ambassador Program; Item 7 on today’s Council Agenda, Council file No. 16-0358-S2; as follows, to add the line at the end of the first moving clause: including crimes committed by those that failed to pay the Metro Fare:

I THEREFORE MOVE to request the Los Angeles Police Department to the report to the City Council’s Public Safety Committee on the crime statistics on Metro trains, buses, platforms and at stations from 2017 to current time, including the demographic breakdown of all victims, **including crimes committed by those that failed to pay the Metro Fare.**

PRESENTED BY _____
MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilmember, 7th District

SECONDED BY _____
TRACI PARK
Councilmember, 11th District

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