

**Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding
Thursday, May 23, 2024 (Recessed from May 22, 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, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15) (0)

Commendatory Resolutions, Introductions and Presentations - SEE ATTACHED

Items for which Public Hearings Have Been Held

(1) **24-0600**

PRESENTATION OF REPORT BY THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE relative to the Mayor's proposed 2024-25 Budget for the City of Los Angeles, related Motions and Resolutions.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

For if Amended:

Rampart Village Neighborhood Council

Neutral:

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council

Against Unless Amended:

Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council

**Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee Report, Attachment, and Budget Motions
(1 – 42, A and B) Adopted as Amended Forthwith**

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15); Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

See Budget Recap on Council file No. 24-0600

Items Called Special

Motions for Posting and Referral - SEE ATTACHED

Council Members' Requests for Excuse from Attendance at Council Meetings

Adjourning Motions - SEE ATTACHED

Council Adjournment

ENDING ROLL CALL

Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15) (0)

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
Hutt	Harris-Dawson-Price-Soto-Martinez	The Whispers

ADJOURNING MOTIONS


MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
Hutt	All Councilmembers	Sandra "Sandy" Washington

MOTION

With a center located in Reseda, MTO Shahmaghsoudi School of Islamic Sufism is an international non-profit organization with centers on six continents, with over one million members, and over three million participants following its weekly live online teaching sessions. MTO is a school that teaches Sufism, with a long lineage of Sufi teachers, by imparting a message of knowledge, love, peace, and tranquility to the lives of many across the world, including to many Angelenos. The knowledge and practices of the school have been passed down for 1,400 years, through an unbroken succession of 42 eminent teachers from Oveys Gharani to the present Sufi Teacher, Professor Nader Angha.

MTO Shahmaghsoudi’s activities are vast, including a range of social, community, interfaith, wellbeing and charity initiatives, and some large scale efforts that have had wide impact in Los Angeles. In September 2022, MTO donated and distributed 20,000 care packages including PPEs, backpacks, school supplies, and hygiene kits. Volunteers also organized a beach cleanup and beautified Santa Monica, and participate regularly in clean ups and volunteer efforts in the San Fernando Valley. Cognizant that Latinos have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and aware of the San Fernando Valley community’s dire need for testing, MTO collaborated with medical professionals to provide drive-thru testing with extended hours, expanding access to working class residents and garnering widespread Spanish-language media coverage. Moreover, the MTO Tamarkoz mobile app has brought peace and calm during uncertain times by providing free live meditation sessions daily, along with special “ZendeH Delan” music, in 11 different languages including Spanish and Hebrew.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection at Sherman Way and Hesperia Avenue in Reseda be named as “MTO Shahmaghsoudi Square” and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial signage to this effect at this location.

PRESENTED BY: 
NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY: 

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MOTION

During the height of the pandemic, California launched its Homekey Program - a statewide effort to expedite the creation of permanent and interim housing through the purchase of existing hotels, motels and apartment buildings.

Using a combination of state, federal and, in certain cases, local funds, the City purchased more than twenty buildings over three funding rounds, totaling more than 1,000 units of interim and permanent housing.

One such property includes the Ramada Inn in Venice, which was purchased by the City in December 2020. Briefly used as interim housing, the site was demobilized in October 2022 for conversion into 32 units of permanent housing by its operator and service provider, PATH. Nearly two years later, however, the site sits empty.

Given the Homekey program was presented as an expeditious alternative to new construction, which can be cost and time prohibitive, the City should understand immediately why Homekey units continue to sit empty while thousands of individuals continue to live and suffer on sidewalks outside these properties.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, in coordination with PATH, to provide a report, within 30 days, on the status of the Ramada Inn's conversion into permanent housing. The report should include details regarding the reasons for delays in conversion, inclusive of financing and regulatory challenges, as well as the estimated start of construction and date for occupancy.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the CAO, in coordination with the Housing Department and HACLA, to provide a comprehensive report, within sixty days, on the status of Homekey 1, 2 and 3 sites. The report should include the following details:

- The number of properties purchased under each Homekey round, including the date of acquisition
- The number of Homekey sites that are ready for occupancy and, of these properties, the number of units that are occupied as of the date of the report
- The number of Homekey sites and units that are not ready for occupancy, including reasons for delay, financing and regulatory challenges, and date for occupancy
- Recommendations to resolve any delays in the conversion and occupancy of Homekey 1, 2 and 3 sites

PRESENTED BY: Traci Park
TRACI PARK
Councilwoman, 11th District

SECONDED BY: Bob Blumenthal

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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 governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, AB 1889 (Friedman), the Room to Roam Act, introduced on January 22, 2024, would require a city or county to consider as part of its General Plan's Conservation Element the impacts of development within the jurisdiction to wildlife and habitat connectivity, inasmuch as under existing law the Conservation Element is required to consider the effect of development within the jurisdiction on natural resources located on public lands; and

WHEREAS, AB 1889 would specifically require that upon the adoption or next revision of one or more elements of a General Plan on or after January 1, 2026, the Conservation Element shall be updated to identify and analyze connectivity areas, permeability, and natural landscape areas within the jurisdiction, identify and analyze existing or planned wildlife passage features, and consider the impacts of development and barriers caused by development to wildlife and habitat connectivity; and

WHEREAS, AB 1889 would authorize a city or county to include the information relative to the movement of wildlife and habitat connectivity in a separate component or section of the General Plan entitled a 'Wildlife Connectivity Element'; and

WHEREAS, AB 1889 allows a city or county that has already included policies in existing plans that meet the requirements as proposed by AB 1889, to be in compliance with the requirements of this bill;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1889 (Friedman), the Room to Roam Act, which would require a city or county, on or after January 1, 2026, to consider the impacts and barriers caused by development within the jurisdiction to wildlife and habitat connectivity, as part of the Conservation Element of its General Plan.

PRESENTED BY:



NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



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