

**Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding
Friday, August 2, 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, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martinez, Yaroslavsky (10); Absent: de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Price Jr., Raman (5)

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 for which Public Hearings Have Been Held

(1) 24-0589

BUDGET, FINANCE AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to delinquent accounts receivables submitted by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the Collections Board of Review's (CBR) recommendations for the:

- a. LADOT to remove from its active account receivables, 36,867 uncollectible ticket citations totaling \$3,502,645.94.
- b. LAHD to remove from its active account receivables, 12

uncollectible invoices totaling \$91,767.40.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CBR reports that the proposed action will decrease the City's receivable base by \$3,594,413.37.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

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

(2) **24-0640**

BUDGET, FINANCE AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a refund claim filed by Sukmac LLC (Claim No. 168970) for the project located at 933 South Park View Street (1-22) in Council District 1.

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

APPROVE Refund Claim No. 168970 in the amount of \$187,525.08 to Sukmac LLC (Claim No. 168970) for the project located at 933 South Park View Street (1-22) in Council District 1.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety. 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, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Hutt, Krekorian, Price Jr., Raman (5)

(3) **24-0458**

BUDGET, FINANCE AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the January, February and March 2024 Investment Reports.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the Office of Finance reports dated February 29, 2024, March 28, 2024 and May 3, 2024, attached to Council file No. 24-0458, relative to the January, February and March 2024 Investment Reports.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

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

(4) **20-0769-S7**

PUBLIC SAFETY and BUDGET, FINANCE, AND INNOVATION COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to the City's Unarmed Model of Crisis Response (UMCR) pilot program.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the February 29, 2024 and June 5, 2024 City Administrative Officer reports relative to the status of the City's UMCR pilot program, inasmuch as this report is for information only and no Council action is required.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Adopted Item

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

(5) **24-0743**

PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND HIRING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Second Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement C-135736 with the Law Office of Sima Salek to provide independent investigations of allegations of discrimination and harassment against City employees and volunteers.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Personnel Department, to execute the Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement C-135736 with the Law Office of Sima Salek to extend the term by six months for a revised term of four years and four months effective March 2, 2020 through June 30, 2024, and increase the compensation threshold by \$117,500 for revised expenditures of up to \$300,000, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that partial funding is available in the 2023-24 Adopted Budget within the Personnel Department's Office of Workplace Equity account (\$28,500) within the line item titled "independent discrimination complaint investigator". The Personnel Department anticipates using savings in other Contractual Services Account line items to fund expenditures that may exceed the available budget.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the proposed Agreement includes an expenditure authority that exceeds the Adopted Budget and may require the Personnel Department to identify cost savings in other accounts, or request additional appropriations, if additional services are requested. As the Agreement is subject to the availability of budgeted funds, approval of the Agreement complies with the City's Financial Policies.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

TIME LIMIT FILE - AUGUST 19, 2024

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - AUGUST 16, 2024)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park,

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

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

(6) **22-0581
CD 11**

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER and RESOLUTION TO VACATE relative to vacating the westerly portion of Federal Avenue from Pico Boulevard to approximately 90 feet northwesterly thereof, VAC-E1401422.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. REAFFIRM the FINDINGS of May 24, 2023, that the vacation of the westerly portion of Federal Avenue from Pico Boulevard to approximately 90 feet northwesterly thereof (Vacation), pursuant to the City of Los Angeles Environmental Guidelines, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, pursuant to Article III, Class 5(3) of the City of Los Angeles Environmental Guidelines.
2. REAFFIRM the FINDINGS of May 24, 2023, that the Vacation is in substantial conformance with the General Plan pursuant to Section 556 of the Los Angeles City Charter.
3. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION TO VACATE No. 24-1401422 for the Vacation.

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 Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Krekorian, Raman (2)

(7) **15-1194-S2**
CD 13

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MUNICIPAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (MFC) relative to authorization to execute a Joinder to Assignment and Assumption of Theatre Lease (Consent Document) between H&H Theatre Owner, LLC (Assignor) and Jeps Hollywood Entertainment LLC (Assignee) for the continued use of the Dolby Theatre located at 6801 Hollywood Boulevard.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Department of General Services, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to execute the Joinder to Assignment and Assumption of Theatre Lease between H&H Theatre Owner, LLC (Assignor) and Jeps Hollywood Entertainment LLC (Assignee) and all documents necessary to effectuate City's consent thereof, for the continued use of the Dolby Theatre located at 6801 Hollywood Boulevard.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The MFC reports that there is no fiscal impact resulting from the execution of the Consent Document.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Government Operations Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Adopted Item Forthwith

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Krekorian, Raman (2)

(8) **24-0859**
CD 15

ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTION and COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS relative to the proposed First Amendment to Agreement No. 21-9805 among the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department, Port of Long Beach (POLB), Portcheck, LLC and Marine Terminal Operators for Clean Truck Fund rate collection services.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
2. APPROVE POLA Resolution No. 24-10375 for the proposed First Amendment to Agreement No. 24-9805-A between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department, POLB, PortCheck, LLC, and Marine Terminal Operators.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer reports that approval of the proposed First Amendment to Agreement No. 21-9805 between the Harbor Department, POLB, PortCheck, LLC, and Marine Terminal Operators will meet compliance with recent California Air Resources Board truck regulation record keeping requirements. The total compensation will be increased from \$10,000,000 by \$21,068,130 to a new not-to-exceed contract authority of \$31,068,130. The Harbor Department is financially responsible for \$15,534,065 (50 percent) of the expenses incurred under the agreement and POLB is financially responsible for the other 50 percent. The expenses incurred under the agreement are offset by the Clean Truck Fund (CTF) Rate revenue collected. From April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024, PortCheck collected approximately \$81.7 million in CTF Rate revenue for the Harbor Department. Funding for Fiscal Year 2024-25 in the amount of \$1,789,429 is available in Account 59967 (Clean Truck Program- Administrative Costs), Center 0330 (Environmental), Program 000 (Base Budget). Future year funding will be requested through the annual budget adoption process, subject to Board approval. The recommendations in the report and proposed actions comply with the Harbor Department's Financial Policies. There is no impact on the City's General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Adopted Item Forthwith

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Lee, McOsker, Padilla,

Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Krekorian, Raman (2)

Items Called Special

Motions for Posting and Referral - SEE ATTACHED

Council Members' Requests for Excuse from Attendance at Council Meetings

Closed Session

(9) 21-1240

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 City of Los Angeles v. Purdue Pharma, L.P., et al., Case No. 1:18-OP-45601-DAP.

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

**Adopted City Attorney recommendations in Open Session, Forthwith
Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Krekorian, Raman (2)**

Adjourning Motions - SEE ATTACHED

Council Adjournment

ENDING ROLL CALL

Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Absent: Krekorian, Raman (2)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Regular meeting recessed at 11:37 am
Special meeting convened at 11:37 am
Special meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm
Regular meeting convened at 12:00 pm

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
Hernandez	Hutt	International Overdose Awareness Day

ADJOURNING MOTIONS

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
Hernandez	All Councilmembers	Theodore Higgins
Lee – Hutt	All Councilmembers	Doctor Gene Kim
Soto-Martínez – Harris-Dawson	All Councilmembers	Jane McAlevey

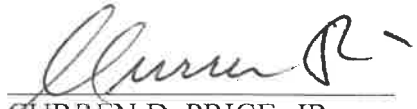
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TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED #51

MOTION

I MOVE that the Council Action of July 30, 2024 relative to the Building and Safety report and confirmation of lien in the amount of \$3,629.02 for the property located at 148 West 39th Street (C.F. 24-0160-S21), BE AMENDED to rescind the prior Council action and instruct the Department of Building and Safety to take the necessary actions to waive the accumulated interest, late fees, and late charges associated with this case except for the Non-Compliance Code Enforcement Fee, and thereby reduce and confirm the lien in the new amount of \$660.00.

PRESENTED BY:


CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY:



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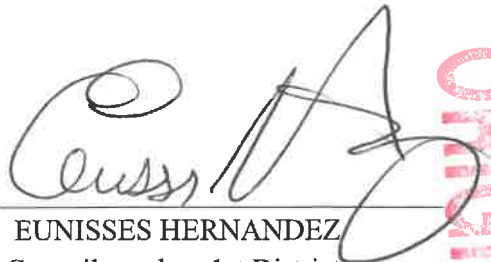
11) CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT/
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

#52

MOTION

I MOVE that \$400 be transferred/appropriated from the Council's portion of the Heritage Month Celebrations & Special Events line item to the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 to the General Service Fund No. 100-40, Account No. 1100 (Hiring Hall) for services in connection with Council District 1's recognition of Overdose Awareness Day on August 31, 2024, including the illumination of City Hall from August 26, 2024 to August 29, 2024.

PRESENTED BY:


EUNISSES HERNANDEZ
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY:



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MOTION

PUBLIC WORKS

Transfiguration Parish was established in 1923 under the leadership of Father John B. Cotter. The original parish extended to Culver City on the west, including the area that is now St. Bernadette's Parish. The original Transfiguration Church was an old three-story structure on the northwest corner of Browning and Western Avenues, where all masses and social activities were held. In the 1920's that building was moved to the northeast corner of Van Ness and Santa Barbara (now named Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.), and a new church was built next door. This "new church" is the parish hall that is used today.

In 1937 the church building at 2515 W. Martin L. King Blvd. was erected. In the same year the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet arrived, and Transfiguration School opened with 150 students. Father Cotter won high recognition for the design of Transfiguration Church and the development of the new parish. Father James Buckley commissioned the magnificent mural of the Transfiguration of Christ, painted by Velda Buys Gately, which was mounted above the main altar in 1944. Father Earl Walker commissioned the beautiful mosaic behind the tabernacle. He also purchased the present main altar and the imported hand carved statues used at Christmas time. Extensive remodeling and renovation of the church, rectory, and grounds, eagerly financed by the parishioners through the Light of Hope capital campaign, distinguished the pastorship of Father Jarlath Dolan. The church bells were restored in 1991, a beautiful Pastoral Center created in 1993 and a shade canopy added to the hall in 1995.

In 2021, Archbishop José Gomez entrusted the Josephites with the pastoral care of Church of the Transfiguration. The Josephites - St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart, is a religious community of Catholic priests and brothers, committed to serving the African American community through the proclamation of the Gospel and personal witness of members. The mission of the Josephites at Transfiguration kicked off with the appointment of Fr. Anthony Bozeman, S.S.J., as the first Josephite and African American pastor and more recently with the appointment of Fr. Godwin Akpan, S.S.J., as pastor in August 2022 who set the tone for the 100th Anniversary of Church of the Transfiguration in August 2023.

The intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and Roxton Avenue holds a central location within the 10th Council District and the City of Los Angeles, serving as a daily touchpoint for many residents. In acknowledgement of the deep and lasting impact of the Church of the Transfiguration on the community, a lasting tribute to dedicate the intersection in honor of the work of the people of Transfiguration would further strengthen the bond between the church and the surrounding residents.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and Roxton Ave be named as "Church of the Transfiguration Square" in honor of the 101-year history of the Church of the Transfiguration, and that the Department of Transportation be directed to fabricate and install permanent ceremonial signs to this effect at this location, in consultation with Council District 10.

PRESENTED BY: Heather Hutt
HEATHER HUTT
Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY: [Signature]

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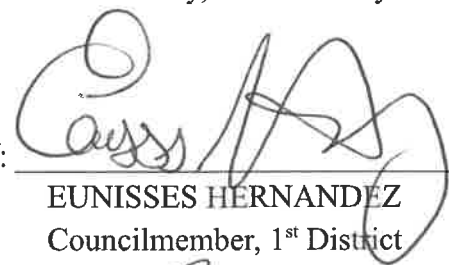
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There is a great need to support the community beautification and clean-up efforts of the Los Angeles Conservation Corps in Council District 1. This effort is of special benefit for the residents of the City and for CD1 and deserves financial assistance from the City.

Sufficient funds are available in the CD1 portion of the Council District 1 AB1290 Fund for this purpose.

I THEREFORE MOVE that \$665,000 in the AB1290 Fund No.53P Account No. 281201 be transferred to the Board of Public Works Fund No. 100-74, Account No. 3040 (Contractual Services) for two crews and equipment including a power washer for the community beautification and clean-up efforts of the Los Angeles Conservation Corps Contract in Council District One; and that the Public Works Office of Community Beautification be authorized to prepare the necessary document(s) with, and/or payment(s) to, the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, or any other agency or organization, as appropriate, in the above amount, and for the above purpose, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, if needed; and that the Councilmember of the First District be authorized to execute any such document(s) on behalf of the City.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Public Works be authorized to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections I clarifications I changes may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

PRESENTED BY: 
EUNISSES HERNANDEZ
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY: 

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PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION

On Saturday, July 20, 2024, there was a sewer overflow incident that occurred near 2700 South Cresta Place. The Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) were notified of the matter and proper BOS staff responded to contain the spillage, assess the damage, and affect the necessary repairs.

The City crew determined that an 8-inch main line sewer serving the area had backed up due to a blockage, which was caused by a Department of Water and Power (DWP) water main break. The water main break caused the sewer to collapse from the excessive water inflow. However, before full containment, it was determined that over 15,000 gallons of untreated sewage spilled, and even though the containment team was able to capture some and return it to the sewer system, the remaining sewage entered the Ballona Creek through a catch basin. The BOS notified the County of Los Angeles' Department of Public Health and the State Water Resources Control Board about the spill.

Media reports regarding the incident warned beachgoers to avoid the water and wet sand within a one-mile radius of the Ballona Creek because the spill reached the Ballona Creek and made its way to the Pacific Ocean between Playa Del Rey and Venice Beach. This incident is very concerning given it is just one of many spills that have recently occurred due to failing infrastructure. Further, its impact on the health and safety of local residents and summertime beachgoers, as well as the long-term environmental harm to the Ballona Creek is of deep worry.

It is very important that BOS and DWP report on the incident, its cause, their response and the potential regulatory impacts the City may face. The BOS should be prepared to explain how their recent request for sewer rate-adjustments addresses community concerns and ensures transparency. It will also help the City coordinate more efficient responses to future environmental hazards with our regional jurisdictional partners.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), and request the Department of Water and Power (DWP), to report on the cause of the sewer line rupture and subsequent sewage spill at 2700 South Cresta Place which occurred on July 20, 2024. The report should also address how the BOS and the DWP coordinate and share information to prevent and mitigate spills, in addition to infrastructure upgrades that are needed.

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

SECONDED BY: Katy Yandlinsky

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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; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2024, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) sued to block the largest proposed supermarket merger in U.S. history—Kroger Company's \$24.6 billion acquisition of the Albertsons Companies, Inc.—alleging that the deal is anticompetitive; and

WHEREAS, the FTC charges that the proposed deal will eliminate fierce competition between Kroger and Albertsons, leading to higher prices for groceries and other essential household items for millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, this merger comes as American consumers have seen the cost of groceries rise steadily over the past few years, and this merger would lead to additional grocery price hikes for everyday goods; and

WHEREAS, if the merger takes place, the deal would eliminate head-to-head price and quality competition, which have driven both supermarkets to lower their prices and improve their product and service offerings; and

WHEREAS, Kroger and Albertsons are the two largest employers of union grocery labor in the country, mostly from the United Food and Commercial Workers union, and they actively compete against one another for workers; and

WHEREAS, the Kroger-Albertsons merger would also threaten the ability of grocery workers to secure higher wages, better benefits, and improved working conditions because of the erasure of aggressive competition; and

WHEREAS, the Kroger-Albertsons merger could result in the sale of 14 supermarkets in Los Angeles to C&S Wholesale Grocers, which would destabilize communities, increase food insecurity and eliminate good wages and benefits for hundreds of union protected workers, while creating windfall corporate profits resulting from potential store closures and the sale of the underlying real estate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for any legislative, legal and/or administrative regulatory action to block the merger of the Albertsons Companies, Inc., and the Kroger Company.

PRESENTED BY:

Traci Park
TRACI PARK
Councilwoman, 11th District

Marqueece Harris-Dawson
MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, 8th District

Heather Hutt
HEATHER HUTT
Councilwoman, 10th District

John Lee
JOHN LEE
Councilmember, 12th District

Hugo Soto-Martinez
HUGO SOTO-MARTINEZ
Councilmember, 13th District

Tim Mcosker
TIM MCOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: Katy Carodowsky

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RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act was approved by the voters of California in November 2016, and granted the state the authority to tax and regulate the adult-use of cannabis; and

WHEREAS, Measure M was approved by voters in the City of Los Angeles in March 2017, and granted the City Council the authority to tax and regulate adult-use cannabis within the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) requires that cannabis businesses obtain a license from both the State of California and their local jurisdiction in order to conduct lawful commercial cannabis activity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has adopted a Social Equity Program with a mission to promote equitable ownership and employment opportunities in the cannabis industry in order to decrease disparities in life outcomes for marginalized communities, and to address the disproportionate impacts of the War on Drugs in these communities; and

WHEREAS, SB 1059 (Bradford) is a bill currently pending in the State legislature that would, prohibit a city or county from including in the definition of gross receipts, for purposes of any local tax or fee on a licensed cannabis retailer, the amount of any cannabis excise tax imposed under the Cannabis Tax Law or any sales and use taxes.

WHEREAS, the passage of SB 1059 (Bradford) would impose a state-mandated local program that would take effect as a tax levy and provides that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made;

WHEREAS, the passage of SB 1059 (Bradford) would support commercial cannabis businesses in the City of Los Angeles and furthers the mission of the Social Equity Program by removing an obstacle that has stagnated the financial growth of entrepreneurs in the State's regulated cannabis marketplace;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in the 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 1059 (Bradford) to amend the amount of cannabis excise taxes, support commercial cannabis businesses and directly further the purpose of the Social Equity Program.

PRESENTED BY: Imelda Padilla
IMELDA PADILLA
Councilmember, 6th District

SECONDED BY: J.S.L.

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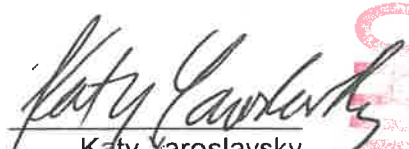
The Bureau of Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) collects over 4,000 tons per week of material in its blue-bins from approximately 750,000 residential customers. For over 30 years, LASAN was on the forefront in expanding the list of materials accepted in the blue-bin. However, in 2018, with the launch of the China National Sword Policy and similar policies in other jurisdictions, recycling markets worldwide were significantly disrupted and became highly volatile, and many materials that for years had a steady market and value were no longer accepted in some foreign ports leading to market failures. As a result, we saw an increase in costs to dispose of materials, increased investment in domestic processing, and a push to decrease contamination through education and adjustments on items allowed in the blue bin.

Recycling remains a critical component of the City's waste reduction efforts and it is important for the City to understand the current status of the recyclables market and to project future market stability as it contemplates how to achieve state law and local waste diversion and recycling goals.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct LASAN to report on the status of the recyclables market, including:

- o A review of market prices for major recyclable materials since 2018
- o An analysis of the factors that have contributed to market fluctuations
- o An assessment of the impact of market changes on the City's recycling program
- o A forecast of market prices for major recyclable materials
- o An analysis of the factors that are likely to affect market stability in the future
- o Recommendations for strategies to improve market stability

PRESENTED BY:


Katy Yaroslavsky
Councilwoman, 5th District

SECONDED BY:



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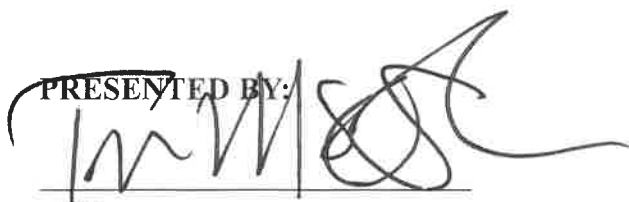
Recruitment, hiring, and retention of the most qualified law enforcement officer candidates is critical for a safe and thriving City. The Personnel Department, with over 600 employees and 16 divisions, is responsible for an array of services, including oversight of the hiring process for both civilian and sworn positions.

In response to the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) significant challenges in recruiting and hiring new officers, on August 23, 2023, the Council approved an amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for peace officers (C.F. 23-0862). The new MOU increases starting salaries to competitive levels and adds retention incentives to critical public safety positions. As a result, it appears that the City is experiencing an increase in applications for police officer positions; LAPD reported that in January 2024, it had received more than 1,200 applications for sworn police officer positions, which is a two-year high. The LAPD also reported significant increases in the number of qualification exams administered and the number of candidates participating in the Candidate Assistance Program, which provides support to eligible applicants navigating the hiring process.

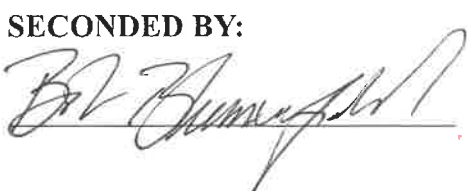
Unfortunately, the City's current lengthy and cumbersome hiring process makes it unlikely that any of these applicants have yet made it through the seven-step hiring process, which includes an initial application, multiple choice test, personal history statement, department interview, polygraph examination, physical fitness qualification, medical evaluation, field investigation, and a psychological evaluation.

Long delays in hiring makes it more likely that the City will lose qualified recruits to agencies and employers that make offers more quickly. In order to expedite officer hiring, it is important to examine the feasibility of moving the process from the Personnel Department to the LAPD to create a dedicated and streamlined focus on police officer hiring that will allow the City to meet the annual hiring goals.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Personnel Department and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to report with a framework and analysis for transitioning sworn and civilian hiring from the Personnel Department to the LAPD.

PRESENTED BY:

TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District



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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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act was approved by the voters of California in November 2016, and granted the state the authority to tax and regulate the adult-use of cannabis; and

WHEREAS, Measure M was approved by voters in the City of Los Angeles in March 2017, and granted the City Council the authority to tax and regulate adult-use cannabis within the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) requires that cannabis businesses obtain a license from both the State of California and their local jurisdiction in order to conduct lawful commercial cannabis activity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has adopted a Social Equity Program with a mission to promote equitable ownership and employment opportunities in the cannabis industry in order to decrease disparities in life outcomes for marginalized communities, and to address the disproportionate impacts of the War on Drugs in these communities; and

WHEREAS, AB 1775 (Haney) is a bill currently pending in the State legislature that would authorize a local jurisdiction, if specified conditions are met, to allow for the preparation or sale of non cannabis food or beverage products, as specified, by a licensed retailer or microbusiness in the area where the consumption of cannabis is allowed, and to allow, and to sell tickets for, live musical or other performances on the premises of a licensed retailer or microbusiness in the area where the consumption of cannabis is allowed.

WHEREAS, the passage of AB 1775 (Haney) would support Social Equity Program Applicants and Licensees in the City of Los Angeles and furthers the mission of the Social Equity Program by assisting equity applicants and licensees gaining entry into, and successfully operating in, the State's regulated cannabis marketplace;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in the 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1775 (Haney) to allow for the preparation or sale of non cannabis food or beverage products and to sell tickets for, live musical or other performances on the premises of a licensed retailer to directly further the purpose of the Social Equity Program.

PRESENTED BY: Imelda Padilla
IMELDA PADILLA
Councilmember, 6th District

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In 2016, California passed the voter initiative, Proposition 64, "The Adult Use of Marijuana Act," which legalized marijuana and regulated its cultivation, sale, and use. Prop 64 included social equity programs to ensure historically disadvantaged communities have a chance to enter and benefit from the formal cannabis industry. The Department of Cannabis Regulation's Social Equity Program (SEP) was created to promote equitable ownership and employment opportunities in the cannabis industry to address the disproportionate impacts of the War on Drugs. During its inception, the Social Equity Program had its fair share of delays and issues. It wasn't up until 2019 when it received funding for technical assistance programming.

Social Equity-owned small businesses in the cannabis industry face unique challenges, from regulatory hurdles, lack of expertise, limited access to capital, and competition from larger, established, and highly invested businesses. Access to technical assistance is provided by the SEP's Business, Licensing, and Compliance (BLC) Assistance program. Assistance includes one-on-one coaching, technical webinars, and Pro-Bono/Low-Bono legal services, which are crucial to the success of these businesses. The BLC Assistance program offers tailored support to help these small businesses navigate challenges and thrive in the arduous cannabis market.

The 2024-2025 Budget only included \$1 Million funding for the BLC Assistance program, despite DCR's request for \$2.5 million, a reduced amount from previous years. From 2019-2024, the City invested \$9 million into the BLC Assistance Program which resulted in nearly \$40 million in cannabis business tax revenues, paid into the General Fund.

We have noticed that in this difficult budget year, programming like the BLC Assistance Program bore the brunt of the proposed cuts, despite its significant return on investment. The City should look into creating a new fund that would collect cannabis tax revenue and reserve its use for supportive programming for struggling cannabis businesses and Social Equity Program participants..

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Cannabis Regulation report back, in 30 days, on the Social Equity BLC Assistance Program. Specifically, its goals, scope of work, program usage and participant results. Additionally, the report should include details on how the programming generates revenue in the short and long term, and recommendations for the continued reinstatement, extension, and success of this program. The report should also include an analysis of Social Equity programming in other cities and their best practices.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, City Attorney and any relevant Departments, to report back with recommendations to regularize the Social Equity BLC Assistance Program in the annual City Budget. The report should include recommendations to establish an annual amount to be allocated to the program. Additionally, the report should include details on the feasibility of creating a new fund based on revenue generated by the City's cannabis tax, and how it could be a funding source for grants to support the BLC Assistance Program, among other supportive

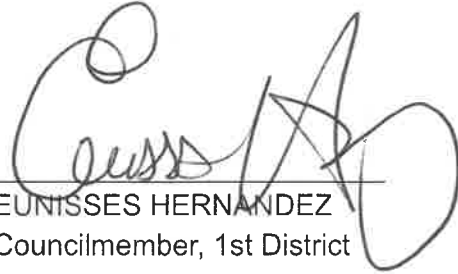
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programming for cannabis license holders (i.e. tax assistance, compliance assistance, capital, etc.) and residents who have been systems impacted due to marijuana related controlled substance charges (i.e. social services, expungement, etc.).

PRESENTED BY:



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Councilmember, 6th District



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Councilmember, 1st District

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