Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceedings
Wednesday, February 15, 2012
John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, City Hall - 10 am

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(For communications referred by the President see Referral Memorandum)

ROLL CALL - Members present: Buscaino, Cárdenas, Englander, Garcetti, Koretz, LaBonge, Parks, Rosendahl, Zine and President Wesson (10); Absent: Alarcón, Huizar, Krekorian, Perry and Reyes (5)


COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS - NONE

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR - An opportunity for public testimony was provided.

Items Noticed for Public Hearing - Items 1-7

Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Huizar and Reyes (2)
(Item Nos. 1-6)

ITEM NO. (1) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - ADOPTED

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Valleyheart Drive and Woodman Avenue Lighting District.

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

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Public Hearing held January 25, 2012)
ITEM NO. (2) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - ADOPTED

11-1839
CD 5

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Landfair Avenue and Ophir Drive Lighting District.

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

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Public Hearing held January 25, 2012)

ITEM NO. (3) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - ADOPTED

11-1840
CD 2

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Valleyheart Drive and Fulton Avenue Lighting District.

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

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Public Hearing held January 25, 2012)

ITEM NO. (4) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - ADOPTED

11-1883
CD 2

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Ensign Avenue and Cantlay Street Lighting District.

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

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering
the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the
Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Public Hearing held January 25, 2012)

ITEM NO. (5) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - ADOPTED

11-1907
CD 2

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST
CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Cantara Street and Lloyd
Avenue No. 1 Lighting District.

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

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering
the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the
Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Public Hearing held January 25, 2012)

ITEM NO. (6) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - ADOPTED

11-1908
CD 7

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST
CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Roxford Street and Los
Olivos Road Lighting District.

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

1. FIND that a majority protest exists in the Street Lighting Maintenance Assessment District and
therefore the assessment cannot be enacted.

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE abandoning all proceedings relating to
the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles
Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

3. INSTRUCT the Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, to assure that the streetlights are not
installed or are removed from service if previously installed.

(Public Hearing held January 25, 2012)
ITEM NO. (7) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - ADOPTED

Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Huizar and Reyes (2)

10-0176

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) to reflect new Mills Act fees set by City Planning, add appeal fee for an appeal of an ineligibility determination, and make other technical revisions.

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

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE amending LAAC Sections 19.142 and 19.144 to reflect new Mills Act fees set by City Planning, add appeal fee for an appeal of an ineligibility determination, and make other technical revisions.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Been Held - Items 8-32

Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Alarcón, Huizar and Reyes (3) (Item Nos. 8-20)

ITEM NO. (8) - ADOPTED - SEE FOLLOWING

11-0841

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, RESOLUTION and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to authority to issue up to $340.34 million in General Obligation Bonds, Refunding Series 2012-A.

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

(Click on the above hyperlink or go to http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm for background documents.)

ADOPTED

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT, RESOLUTION and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to authorization to issue up to $340.34 million in General Obligation Bonds, Refunding Series 2012-A.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:
1. APPROVE the necessary documents required to complete the financing for the General Obligation Bonds, Refunding Series 2012-A, in an amount not-to-exceed $340.34 million, including a Resolution ratifying a resolution adopted by the City Council on June 21, 2011 authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $600 million to refund a portion of the City's outstanding general obligation bonds and a Preliminary Official Statement, including Appendix A, the City's offering and disclosure document.


3. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to place on the Council agenda on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, or on an alternate date as specified by the City Administrative Officer (CAO), the adoption of a Resolution awarding to the successful bidder(s) the sale of the General Obligation Bonds, Refunding Series 2012-A, in an amount not-to-exceed $340.34 million.

4. AUTHORIZE the CAO to receive and open bids on the published sale date and to award the bonds to the bidder with the lowest True Interest Cost on behalf of the City, if there is no Council quorum or no meeting in City Hall on the advertised date of the sale, as described in the Notice Inviting Bids for the bonds.

**Fiscal Impact Statement:** The CAO reports that there is no fiscal impact on the General Fund as a result of the proposed General Obligation Bonds, Refunding Series 2012-A issuance because the proposed refunding bonds will be paid from ad valorem taxes levied upon all of the taxable properties within the City. The refunding of $228.18 million in general obligation bond maturities is expected to result in a net present value savings of approximately $24.42 million to property owners over the life of the bonds. This bond issuance meets the requirements of the City's Financial Policies.

**Debt Impact Statement:** The CAO reports that the issuance of the $228.18 million in refunding bonds is projected to result in net present value savings of approximately $24.42 million in general obligation bond debt service over the life of the bonds.

**Community Impact Statement:** None submitted.

**ITEM NO. (9) - ADOPTED**

11-2139

ORDINANCE SECOND CONSIDERATION relative to directing the transfer of $250,077,000 from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power’s Power Revenue Fund to the City’s Reserve Fund during Fiscal Year 2011-12.

(Communications from the City Attorney and the Board of Water and Power Commissioners adopted on February 8, 2012)
ITEM NO. (10) - ADOPTED

11-0301

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to approval of a refund claim for General Motors, LLC.

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

APPROVE the refund claim filed by General Motors, LLC for overpayment of electrical services in the amount of $142,352, and AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) to draw the demand from Fund 725 (LA Convention Center Revenue), Department 48, Revenue Source 4186 (Electrical Services).

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (11) - ADOPTED

11-2064
CD 3

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to approval to record a lien for unpaid taxes against property owned by E-Realty Homes.Com, Inc.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Office of Finance (Finance) to record a lien for unpaid taxes in the amount of $7,582.72 against property owned by E-Realty Homes.Com, Inc., pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 21.15(o).

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

[Council may recess into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) to confer with its legal counsel relative to the above matter]

ITEM NO. (12) - ADOPTED

11-2065
CD 2

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to approval to record a lien for unpaid taxes against property owned by DCC Staffing Services, Inc.

Recommendation for Council action:
APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Office of Finance (Finance) to record a lien for unpaid taxes in the amount of $5,031.25 against property owned by DCC Staffing Services, Inc., pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 21.15(o).

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

[Council may recess into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) to confer with its legal counsel relative to the above matter]

ITEM NO. (13) - ADOPTED

11-2066
CD 7

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to approval to record a lien for unpaid taxes against property owned by Crown Real Estate Services, LLC.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Office of Finance (Finance) to record a lien for unpaid taxes in the amount of $138,315.92 against property owned by Crown Real Estate Services, LLC, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 21.15(o).

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

[Council may recess into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) to confer with its legal counsel relative to the above matter]

ITEM NO. (14) - ADOPTED

11-2067
CD 11

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to approval to record a lien for unpaid taxes against property owned by Richardson Robertson & Assoc/C.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Office of Finance (Finance) to record a lien for unpaid taxes in the amount of $20,844.77 against property owned by Richardson Robertson & Assoc/C, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 21.15(o).
Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by Finance. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

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11-2068
CD 7

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to approval to record a lien for unpaid taxes against property owned by Superior Property of 10621 Sepulveda, LLC.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Office of Finance (Finance) to record a lien for unpaid taxes in the amount of $607,457.30 against property owned by Superior Property of 10621 Sepulveda, LLC, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 21.15(o).

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

[Council may recess into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) to confer with its legal counsel relative to the above matter]

[item 16]

11-2070
CD 3

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to approval to record a lien for unpaid taxes against property owned by Colemont Insurance Brokers, Inc.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Office of Finance (Finance) to record a lien for unpaid taxes in the amount of $114,045.20 against property owned by Colemont Insurance Brokers, Inc., pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 21.15(o).

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

[Council may recess into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) to confer with its legal counsel relative to the above matter]
ITEM NO. (17) - ADOPTED

11-2071
CD 13

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to approval to record a lien for unpaid taxes against property owned by CDSA Investments Inc.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Office of Finance (Finance) to record a lien for unpaid taxes in the amount of $759,897.42 against property owned by CDSA Investments Inc., pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 21.15(o).

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

[Council may recess into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) to confer with its legal counsel relative to the above matter]

ITEM NO. (18) - ADOPTED

11-2152
CD 1

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to approval to record a lien for unpaid taxes against property owned by KRC Food Trading, Inc.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Office of Finance (Finance) to record a lien for unpaid taxes in the amount of $8,156.50 against property owned by KRC Food Trading, Inc., pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 21.15(o).

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

[Council may recess into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) to confer with its legal counsel relative to the above matter]
ITEM NO. (19) - ADOPTED

12-0008
CD 6

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to approval to record a lien for unpaid taxes against property owned by All Century Insurance Services, Inc.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Office of Finance (Finance) to record a lien for unpaid taxes in the amount of $17,164.62 against property owned by All Century Insurance Services, Inc., pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 21.15(o).

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

[Council may recess into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) to confer with its legal counsel relative to the above matter]

ITEM NO. (20) - ADOPTED

12-0048
CD 11

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to approval to record a lien for unpaid taxes against property owned by Airport Holdings LP.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Office of Finance (Finance) to record a lien for unpaid taxes in the amount of $141,922.05 against property owned by Airport Holdings LP, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 21.15(o).

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

[Council may recess into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) to confer with its legal counsel relative to the above matter]
ITEM NO. (21) - ADOPTED

Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Parks and Reyes (2)

11-1727

HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to updated data on foreclosures in the City, the use of state and federal funds allocated toward mortgage modifications received by the City, and the number of mortgage consumer fraud complaints in the City.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Garcetti - Cardenas):

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst and the Los Angeles Housing Department to continue to:

a. Monitor foreclosures in the City of Los Angeles.

b. Monitor the President's foreclosure prevention proposals and prepare the necessary Resolutions to support these efforts.

c. Transmit the Council Action and this report to the California Attorney General in order to support efforts to bring suit on behalf of the residents of California and to specify the damages caused by foreclosures to the residents of Los Angeles.

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.

ITEM NO. (22) - ADOPTED, AS AMENDED - SEE FOLLOWING

Adopted as Amended, Ayes (13); Absent: Parks and Reyes (2)

11-2124

HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the feasibility of implementing a Mandatory Mortgage Modification Mediation Program.

Recommendation for Council action:

INSTRUCT and REQUEST as appropriate, the Los Angeles Housing Department, the City Attorney, and the Chief Legislative Analyst to report back on the feasibility of implementing a Mandatory Mortgage Modification Mediation Program.

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

AMENDING MOTION (ROENDEHL - ALARCON)

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), Chief Legislative Analyst, and the City Attorney to report back on:
   a. How effective the mandatory mediation program in Springfield, Massachusetts has been.
   b. What options the City has to enact a mediation program.
   c. If a mediation program is the most effective use of resources to positively reduce the number of foreclosures.

2. INSTRUCT THE LAHD to:
   a. Monitor and report back on the total number of foreclosures.
   b. Provide a list of banks which details the number of foreclosures each bank has, including whether or not the foreclosure was created by another bank due to sub-prime lending.

ITEM NO. (23) - ADOPTED, AS AMENDED - SEE FOLLOWING

Adopted as Amended, Ayes (13); Absent: Parks and Reyes (2)

HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to improving the disclosures consumers receive for reverse mortgage refinancing.

Recommendation for Council action:

INSTRUCT and REQUEST as appropriate, the Los Angeles Housing Department, the City Attorney, and the Chief Legislative Analyst to report back on whether there is more the City can do to improve the disclosures consumers receive for reverse mortgage refinancing which typically impacts low-income seniors.

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

AMENDING MOTION (ROENDEHL - ZINE)

Recommendation for Council action:

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Housing Department, Chief Legislative Analyst, and the City Attorney to report back relative to:

a. What options the City has to model a program off of the Springfield, Massachusetts reverse mortgage counseling program.

b. If there are any non-profit organizations in Los Angeles that have the resources, expertise, and willingness to provide reverse mortgage counseling.

c. Whether a mortgage counselor could potentially serve in the capacity of a watchdog or advocate for homeowners.

ITEM NO. (24) - ADOPTED - FORTHWITH

Adopted, Ayes (14); Absent: Reyes (1)

11-1778

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the current status of the Mills Act Historical Property Contracts Program cap on lost property tax revenue.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the increase of the cap on lost property tax revenue associated with the Mills Act to $2 million.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Alarcón, Huizar and Reyes (3)
(Item Nos. 25-28)

ITEM NO. (25) - ADOPTED

11-0135

ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTION and TRADE, COMMERCE, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed Second Amendment to Contract No. DA-4238 between the City of Los Angeles and Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo to extend the term for two years for legal services in public contracting and construction litigation for Los Angeles World Airports.
Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Airport Commissioners (Board), that the proposed action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as provided in Article II, Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

2. CONCUR with the Board’s action taken October 3, 2011, approving the Second Amendment to Contract No. DA-4238 between the City of Los Angeles and Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo to extend the term for two years for legal services in public contracting and construction litigation for Los Angeles World Airports.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer reports that approval of the proposed Second Amendment will have no impact on the General Fund. Funding for the Second Amendment to Agreement No. DA-4238 with Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Los Angeles World Airports Operating Budget in Cost Center 1110004 - Legal Services Division, Commitment Item 520150 - Contractual Services. There is a balance of approximately $207,000 for this contract available for the extended contract term. If additional funds are needed in the future, the resources will be requested as part of the annual budget process. This project complies with the Department of Airports adopted Financial Policies.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 26, 2012
(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 23, 2012)

ITEM NO. (26) - ADOPTED

12-0133
CD 11

ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTION and TRADE, COMMERCE, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed Fifth Amendment to Concession Agreement No. LAA-7621 with Lenlyn Limited dba ICE Currency Services, USA to extend the term for three years for the operation and management of a Business Center for Los Angeles International Airport and LA/Ontario International Airport.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Airport Commissioners (Board), that the proposed action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as provided in Article III, Class 1 (18)(c) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

2. CONCUR with the Board’s action taken January 23, 2012, approving the Fifth Amendment to Concession Agreement No. LAA-7621 with Lenlyn Limited dba ICE Currency Services, USA to extend the term for three years for the operation and management of a Business Center for Los Angeles International Airport and LA/Ontario International Airport.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board reports that there is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund as a result of this action.
ITEM NO. (27) - ADOPTED

12-0134
CD 11

ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTION and TRADE, COMMERCE, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed First Amendment to Contract No. DA-4538 with Sprint Communications Company L.P. to extend the term and increase the funding authority to purchase cellular service and equipment for Los Angeles World Airports.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Airport Commissioners (Board), that the proposed action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as provided in Article II, Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

2. CONCUR with the Board’s action taken January 23, 2012, approving the First Amendment to Contract No. DA-4538 with Sprint Communications Company L.P. to extend the term and increase the funding authority to purchase Sprint cellular service and equipment for Los Angeles World Airports.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer reports that approval of the proposed Amendment between Sprint and the Department of Airports will have no impact on the General Fund. Funding in an amount of $220,000 is available in the current 2011-12 Department budget and will be requested for subsequent years through the budget process. This project complies with the Department of Airports adopted Financial Policies.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 26, 2012
(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 23, 2012)

ITEM NO. (28) - ADOPTED

12-0161
CD 15

ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTION and TRADE, COMMERCE, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to six personal services agreements: AECOM Technical, Agreement No. 11-3025; CH2M Hill Engineers, Agreement No. 11-3026; Psomas, Agreement No. 11-3027; Moffat & Nichol, Agreement No. 11-3028; Dean Ryan, Agreement No. 11-3029; and URS, Agreement No. 11-3030 to provide on-call engineering services.
Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Los Angeles Harbor Department, that the proposed action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as provided in Article II, Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

2. CONCUR with the Board of Harbor Commissioners’ (Board) action taken November 17, 2011, approving Personal Services Agreements with AECOM Technical, CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc., Psomas, Moffat & Nichol, Dean Ryan, and URS for on-call Engineering services.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board reports that approval of the proposed five-year Agreements authorize a total not-to-exceed authority amount of $30,000,000 and will commit $1,200,000 in funding for the current fiscal year under these Agreements. Funds for FY 2011/2012 in the amount $1,200,000 are available in Account 54220, Center 1900, Program 000, and for MIP projects in Account 54220, Center 0311, Program 000. The Harbor Department's financial commitments for the proposed Agreements beyond the current fiscal year are contingent upon approval of funds by the Board as part of the annual budget adoption process.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 31, 2012
(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 30, 2012)

ITEM NO. (29) - ADOPTED

Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Parks and Reyes (2)

TRADE, COMMERCE, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the tourism impacts of President Obama's executive order on January 19, 2012, making it easier for international travelers to visit the United States.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (LaBonge - Garcetti):

REQUEST that the Los Angeles Convention and Visitors Bureau (LA Inc.), the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation, the Greater Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce report to the Trade, Commerce and Tourism Committee on the tourism impacts of President Obama's executive order on January 19, 2012, making it easier for international travelers to visit the United States.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis on this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.
ITEM NO. (30) - ADOPTED

Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Parks and Reyes (2)

12-0174

TRADE, COMMERCE, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to restoring the Travelers Aid Society of Los Angeles' presence at the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Union Station and Hollywood.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (LaBonge - Huizar):

REQUEST that the Los Angeles Convention and Visitors Bureau (LA Inc.), the Airport Department, the Harbor Department, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Los Angeles Department of Transportation and City Administrative Officer (CAO) report with recommendations for restoring the Travelers Aid Society of Los Angeles' presence open at LAX, Union Station and Hollywood.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis on this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (31) - ADOPTED

Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Alarcón, Huizar and Reyes (3)

11-2136

CD 14

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to accepting two highway easements from CalTrans located in Downtown Los Angeles.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), to issue a letter to the Director, Caltrans' District 7, accepting two "as is" highway easements in Downtown Los Angeles bounded by Commercial Street, the Route 101 Freeway, and the extensions of Hewitt and Vignes Streets, at no cost to the City.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. There is no cost to accept the two highway easements from Caltrans.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.
ITEM NO. (32) - ADOPTED

Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Parks and Reyes (2)

12-0031
CDs 4 & 13

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to closing Yucca Street to through vehicular traffic at Las Palmas, Cherokee, and Whitley Avenues.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (LaBonge - Garcetti):

DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to report with the actions necessary to close Yucca Street to through vehicular traffic at Las Palmas, Cherokee, and Whitley Avenues by installing traffic diverters or other fixed devices that prevent access to vehicular traffic, but allow bicycle and pedestrian movements; and, to designate Yucca Street as a bicycle-friendly street.

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.

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 33-42
(10 Votes Required for Consideration)

ITEM NO. (33) - ADOPTED

Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Huizar and Reyes (2)

12-0094

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR relative to the appointment of Ms. Charmaine Jefferson to the Cultural Affairs Commission.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor’s appointment of Charmaine Jefferson to the Cultural Affairs Commission for the term ending June 30, 2012 is APPROVED and CONFIRMED. Ms. Jefferson is replacing Ms. Celeste Alleyne who has resigned. Ms. Jefferson resides in Council District Ten. (Current Board gender composition: M = 3; F = 3; Vacant = 1)

Ethics Commission Review: Pending.

Background Check Review: Complete.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 2, 2012

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 2, 2012)
(Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Huizar and Reyes (2)
(Item Nos. 34-38)

ITEM NO. (34) - ADOPTED

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the Armacost and Iowa Avenues Lighting District.

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


2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION setting the date of APRIL 18, 2012 as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Armacost and Iowa Avenues Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIIIC and XIIID of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if adopted, $690.80 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2012-13 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: April 11, 2012)

ITEM NO. (35) - ADOPTED

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the Virgil Avenue and Geneva Street (Re-Ballot) Lighting District.

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


2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION setting the date of APRIL 18, 2012 as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Virgil Avenue and Geneva Street (Re-Ballot) Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIIIC and XIIID of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.
Fiscal Impact Statement: The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if adopted, $338.78 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2012-13 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: April 11, 2012)

ITEM NO. (36) - ADOPTED

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the Riverside Drive and Atoll Avenue (Re-Ballot) Lighting District.

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


2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION setting the date of APRIL 18, 2012 as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Riverside Drive and Atoll Avenue (Re-Ballot) Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIIIC and XIIID of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if adopted, $259.04 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2012-13 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: April 11, 2012)

ITEM NO. (37) - ADOPTED

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the Ventura Boulevard and Calhoun Avenue No. 1 Lighting District.

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


2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION setting the date of APRIL 18, 2012 as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Ventura Boulevard and Calhoun Avenue No. 1 Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIIIC and XIIID of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.
Fiscal Impact Statement: The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if adopted, $1,871.19 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2012-13 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: April 11, 2012)

ITEM NO. (38) - ADOPTED

**12-0153**
CD 6

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the Wentworth Street and Dorrington Avenue Lighting District.

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


2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION setting the date of **APRIL 18, 2012** as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Wentworth Street and Dorrington Avenue Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIIIC and XIIID of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if adopted, $103.62 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2012-13 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: April 11, 2012)

ITEM NO. (39) - ADOPTED

Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Parks and Reyes (2)

**11-0050-S1**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending various provisions of the Los Angeles City Election Code to clarify language, codify existing practice and make technical corrections and improvements.

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

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE relative to amending various provisions of the Los Angeles City Election Code to clarify language, codify existing practice and make technical corrections and improvements.
Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Huizar and Reyes (2)
(Item Nos. 40a-40f, 41-42)

ITEM NO. (40) - ADOPTED

12-0005-S67
et al. RESOLUTIONS relative to removing various properties from the Rent Escrow Account Program.

Recommendation for Council action:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTIONS removing the following properties from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP), inasmuch as the owner(s) have corrected the cited REAP violations and provided proof of compliance with the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), Code Enforcement Unit, habitability citations, pursuant to Ordinance 173810, and ADOPT the Findings contained in the LAHD’s report of February 8, 2012:

12-0005-S67
CD 8

a. Property at 1469 West Exposition Boulevard (Case No. 331243).
   Assessor I.D. No. 5041-033-012
   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on August 25, 2011)

12-0005-S68
CD 8

b. Property at 5170 South Van Ness Avenue (Case No. 146982).
   Assessor I.D. No. 5015-021-014
   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on January 24, 2008)

12-0005-S69
CD 8

c. Property at 5170 South Van Ness Avenue (Case No. 286135).
   Assessor I.D. No. 5015-021-014
   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on June 24, 2010)

12-0005-S70
CD 9

d. Property at 817 East Adams Boulevard (Case No. 233827).
   Assessor I.D. No. 5131-025-022
   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on June 17, 2009)
e. Property at 930 West 62nd Street (Case No. 141928).
   Assessor I.D. No. 6004-014-015

   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on September 27, 2007)

f. Property at 6026 East Tipton Way (Case No. 284308).
   Assessor I.D. No. 5480-010-004

   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on June 24, 2010)

ITEM NO. (41) - ADOPTED

10-0270-S1

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (REYES - GARCETTI) relative to the transfer of funds for the completion of the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the City Engineer to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City the necessary agreement/s, if required, to facilitate transfer of one million dollars from Fund 682/50, Account No. G273 for LA River Revitalization to the US Army Corps of Engineers toward the completion of the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study.

2. AUTHORIZE the City Engineer to reduce the scope of the Study, as necessary, to avoid further schedule delays with the aim of completing the Study so that the Study's recommended project can be included in future federal Water Resources Development Act bills and to report back to the Ad Hoc River Committee on the progress of meeting the June 2013 deadline.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Ad Hoc River Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

ITEM NO. (42) - ADOPTED

12-0206

MOTION (PERRY for PARKS - CARDENAS) relative to funding for two Heritage Month Celebration & Special Events in Council District Eight.

Recommendations for Council action:
1. UTILIZE $30,000 in the Council District Eight portion of the Heritage Month Celebration & Special Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56 as follows: $15,000 to fund any aspect of the Kwanzaa Foundation - Spoken Word Project and $15,000 to fund any aspect of the Ebony Repertory Theatre - Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Black History Month programming.

2. DIRECT the City Clerk to prepare and process the necessary document(s) and/or payment(s) in the above amounts, for the above purposes, with the respective appropriate agencies or organizations, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, if needed, and AUTHORIZE the City Clerk to execute any such documents on behalf of the City.

3. AUTHORIZE the City Clerk to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

Closed Sessions - Items 43-44

ITEM NO. (43) - ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

10-1019
The City Council shall recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) to confer with its legal counsel relative to a settlement in the case entitled Saunders, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 115435. (The case alleges the City failed to carry out obligations under the City's General Plan Framework Element and seeks a writ of mandate and declaratory and injunctive relief.)

(Planning and Land Use Management Committee considered the above matter in Closed Session on February 7, 2012)

ITEM NO. (44) - MOTION ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION - SEE FOLLOWING

Adopted in Open Session, Ayes (13); Absent: Parks and Reyes (2)

11-2142
The City Council shall recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), to confer with its legal counsel relative to a settlement discussion in the case entitled Gregory Family Trust v. City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 412715. (This case is the lead case of 13 consolidated lawsuits arising from the construction of the Moorpark Street Bridge.)

(Budget and Finance Committee considered the above matter in Closed Session on February 6, 2012)

ADOPTED

MOTION (KREKORIAN - ENGLANDER)

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:
AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to execute settlement agreements and all other documents necessary to implement settlement with MCM Construction, Inc. and Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan, with the City neither paying nor receiving any money.

MOTIONS PRESENTED PURSUANT TO RULE NO. 16 - TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AVAILABLE AGENDA

11-1928
MOTION (WEsson - AlARCON) relative to amending prior Council action of December 13, 2011 regarding the Green Retrofit and Workforce Program.

12-0011-S2
MOTION (HUizar - ALARCON) relative to funding for the installation of a statue of Antonio Aguilar at the Dolores Park in El Pueblo.

COUNCILMEMBERS' REQUESTS FOR EXCUSE FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS

Upon his request, and without objections, Councilmember Garcetti was excused to leave at 1:00 p.m. from Council Session of Friday, February 17, 2012 due to City Business.

Upon his request, and without objections, Councilmember Cárdenas was excused from Council Session of Tuesday, February 28, 2012 due to City Business.

At the conclusion of this day's Council Session
ADJOURNING MOTIONS WERE ADOPTED in tribute to the memory of:

12-0003 - Mary Reineberg Burchard

LaBonge - All Councilmembers

Alarcón, Buscaino, Cárdenas, Englander, Garcetti, Huizar, Koretz, Krekorian, LaBonge, Perry, Rosendahl, Zine and President Wesson (13); Absent: Parks and Reyes (2)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: June Lagmay, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL