

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your **BUDGET AND FINANCE** Committee

reports as follows:

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a request to approve a panel of consultants for the Office of Economic Analysis.

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

1. APPROVE the results of the Request for Qualifications to select consultants to provide economic analysis services to the City as part of a one-year Pilot Program.
2. APPROVE the creation of a panel of 13 consultants for the service categories listed in the Findings section of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report dated May 25, 2011 to provide economic analysis services as part of a one-year Pilot Program to be administered by the CAO, Office of Economic Analysis (OEA).
3. ADOPT the proposed criteria and methodology for evaluating requests for economic studies and analysis to be performed by the OEA as contained in the CAO report and as amended to add a fourth category to the criteria in Section A Request Categories, of the CAO report, to be listed as "4. Directed by City Council."
4. AUTHORIZE the CAO to enter into contracts with the 13 consultants listed in the Findings section of the CAO report on an as-needed basis for a period of one year, subject to compliance with the City's contracting policies, approval of the City Attorney as to form, and funding availability.
5. TRANSFER \$250,000 from the Council District 13 Assembly Bill (AB) 1290 Tax Increment Fund to the CAO, Fund No. 100/10, Contractual Services Account No. 3040, to be used by the CAO, OEA to prepare economic analysis studies during the Pilot Program.
6. INSTRUCT the CAO, OEA to report quarterly to the Mayor and Council regarding the status of the Pilot Program, including studies requested, under review and completed.
7. INSTRUCT the CAO to report at Council with MBE/WBE information for the 13 consultants approved for the Pilot Program panel.
8. INSTRUCT the CAO to include public safety in the categories of services.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the impact to the General Fund is unknown at this time. Funding in the amount of \$250,000 has been made available from Council District 13 AB 1290 Tax Increment Funds to fund potentially some or all of the costs of the requested economic studies as part of the one-year Pilot Program. If the Mayor and Council adopt the recommendations, the CAO, OEA would work with the Mayor and Council to identify funding to support the project. Compliance with City Financial Policies would be reviewed once the source of the funds is determined.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on June 20, 2011, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee report and a CAO report relative to a request to approve a panel of consultants for the Office of Economic Analysis. On June 17, 2011, Council referred this matter to the Budget and Finance Committee. During Committee consideration, a CAO representative provided background information, an overview of the request and responded to related questions from Committee members. Councilmember Smith requested that the pilot program criteria include a request category for requests as directed by City Council. After additional discussion on the implications of adding such a category, the Committee subsequently recommended to amend CAO recommendation number 3 above to add a fourth category to the criteria in Section A Request Categories, of the CAO report, to be listed as "4. Directed by City Council." During further discussion of the categories of services, the Committee noted that public safety was not included and requested that it be added or incorporated into the categories.

After additional consideration and an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended approval of the CAO recommendations as amended in Committee and reflected in the above recommendations. Additionally, the Committee recommended to add recommendation numbers 7 and 8 above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PARKS:	YES
SMITH:	YES
ROSENDAHL:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES
KORETZ:	YES

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