

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

Your **HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Committee

reports as follows:

HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the 39th Program Year of the Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan – First Year Action Plan.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE the communication from the Mayor dated October 5, 2012 relative to the 39th Program Year of the Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan – First Year Action Plan.
2. REQUEST that the Mayor work with the Chief Legislative Analyst, the City Administrative Officer, and the City Clerk to schedule the Mayor's proposed the 39th Program Year of the Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan – First Year Action Plan for Council consideration by January 2, 2013.

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.

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on December 5, 2012, the Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee considered a communication from the Mayor regarding the 39th Program Year of the Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) – First Year Action Plan

During a brief discussion of this matter, the General Manager of the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) addressed the Committee. The Committee Chair inquired relative to the status of the City's claims with the former Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA/LA) to reimburse the City's Community Development Department (CDD). In response, the LAHD General Manager reported that the California Department of Finance (DOF) has currently denied claims that the LAHD and the CDD have against the former CRA/LA. Additionally, 3 weeks ago, the DOF denied \$16 million claim on a loan payback from CRA/LA. The LAHD is now in a meet and confer process with the DOF on this matter and expects a decision by December 17, 2012, but it is not optimistic regarding the outcome. Should the DOF deny the \$16 million claim, the 39th Program Year Con Plan will be facing a 27 percent cut over the previous year. As a result some serious decisions will have to be made.

The LAHD General Manager noted that the City has approached the Con Plan for the next five years in a more collaborative fashion than in the past. The LAHD, the CDD, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the Housing Authority for the City of Los Angeles, the Department of City Planning and the Public Works Bureau of Engineering have all worked together on

planning for 39th Program Year Con Plan. Additionally, outreach is being performed to all Council Offices with a focus on doing what is most important with the diminished funding that will be available. Additionally, the LAHD General Manager noted that discussions have occurred relative to a possible freeze for this year only on the economic development side. The Mayor will be presenting a breakdown of various options and scenarios of what will be cut depending on what is funded.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee requested that the Mayor work with the Chief Legislative Analyst, the City Administrative Officer, and the City Clerk to schedule the Mayor's proposed 39th Program Year Con Plan and First Year Action Plan for consideration by January 2, 2013, and recommended that Council note and file the communication from the Mayor. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| CÁRDENAS: | YES |
| REYES: | YES |
| WESSON: | ABSENT |
| ALARCÓN: | ABSENT |
| PERRY: | YES |

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