

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the impact of Assembly Bill 93 and Senate Bill 90 on the City of Los Angeles State Enterprise Zone (SEZ) Program and the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. AUTHORIZE the EWDD to continue to operate its Business Development and Voucher Unit for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2013-14, and to fund Fiscal Year 2014-15 operations through the Voucher Trust Fund.
2. CONTINUE the electrical rate discount offered by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), which provides 35 percent and declining discount for 5 years for qualifying businesses.
3. CONTINUE the Los Angeles Department of City Planning current site plan review fee waiver for expanding businesses in the SEZ.
4. CONTINUE the reduced parking ordinance in the Los Angeles Administrative Code for businesses in the SEZ.
5. AUTHORIZE the EWDD, the City Administrative Officer, and the Chief Legislative Analyst to further research and report on new business incentives linked to hiring new employees such as:
 - a. Discounted water rate for qualifying businesses similar to the electrical rate discount already provided by the LADWP.
 - b. Reduced or waived planning fees and Building and Safety inspection fees.
 - c. Waived gross receipts tax or incentives for early payment of City sales tax.
 - d. Requiring eligible business to utilize the 18 WorkSource centers located throughout the City to fill positions for qualified employees.
 - e. Amending the Local Bid Preference (Ordinance No. 181910) to give an additional 2 percent to businesses based in the City, on top of the existing 8 percent competitive advantage given to businesses located in Los Angeles County, for bids and proposals for contracts with all General Fund City departments.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The EWDD reports that there is no adverse impact on the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on December 10, 2013, the Economic Development Committee considered an EWDD report in response to Motion (Huizar – Price – Wesson), relative to the

impact of Assembly Bill 93 and Senate Bill 90 on the City of Los Angeles State Enterprise Zone Program and the EWDD, and recommendations for continuing and increasing existing city-level incentives as well as creating new business incentives.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended approval of the recommendations in the EWDD report. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PRICE:	YES
KREKORIAN:	ABSENT
HUIZAR:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES

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