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COUNCILMEMBER, 14TH DISTRICT

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Dear Chairman Krekorian and Members of the Budget & Finance Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input regarding the budget for the Department of General Services.

DGS plays a critical role in managing the City's assets, and it is grappling with years of deferred maintenance and under-investment in these assets.

I would like to request the Committee ask for further reporting on two items of specific concern to me in the proposed budget:

1. Adequate operations & maintenance funding for Neighborhood City Halls. The budget does not provide for \$160,000 requested to maintain the Neighborhood City Hall in CD14, the Chicago Building. It is important that all our Neighborhood City Halls receive an equal level of service and that there be sufficient resources to maintain them in good working order.
2. Eagle Rock City Hall is a city facility in CD14 which is in dire need of repairs, estimated at \$186,000. The budget should have a line item to address this facility, in part due to liabilities that are present—as they are in other City buildings—given daily staffing of the site and its use for multiple community events like Neighborhood Council meetings.

I recognize the challenges of the current budget and am committed to working with you, the CLA and DGS to identify strategies and funding levels that will enable us to address these important City responsibilities.

Sincerely,

José Huizar
Councilmember, 14th District

