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The Honorable Paul Krekorian  
Councilmember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 435  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chairman Krekorian,

Your leadership on the Council as the Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee has led this City through some of the most difficult economic times ever seen. Mayor Garcetti's budget continues on the measured approach that you and Council President Wesson, along with previous Councils, have built. The city has and must continue to maintain fiscal austerity in order to deliver the City services which our constituents need and deserve.

As Chairman of the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and the Los Angeles River Committee, I have the good fortune to work directly with departments that have some of the highest day-to-day constituent interactions in the City. Together, each of the departments that report to the APHAR committee carry out and maintain important, core necessities needed to have a thriving, world class city. I would like to request your attention to the following issues before your committee:

**Department of Aging**

- A request of \$450,000.00 for programming at the "Sandra Cisneros Learning Academy." This use of city dollars is to be used for programming at an LAUSD facility (built for the City specifically for senior services), and will rely heavily on the nonprofit sector to achieve success. Approximately 38,000 more meals will feed close to 1,000 seniors; approximately 31,000 additional meals will be delivered to roughly 200 home bound seniors; and, approximately 1000 service hours will be benefiting seniors in this area.

**Department on Disability**

- In order to support the communities that we all serve, I request that the Management Analyst I position within the AIDS Coordinator's Office be reinstated, insofar as the Council (CF: 14-0396) identified money to be used until the end of the Fiscal Year. Federal CDBG funding has been identified to continue the position for the next Fiscal Year.

**Bureau of Engineering, Los Angeles River Office**

- In order to maintain the momentum on the LA River, I request that the Environmental Affairs Officer and Environmental Supervisor II become Regular positions. This has no impact to the department's budget, and is supported by the Interim City Engineer.



I applaud your efforts at maintaining a strict and fiscally disciplined approach to the realities facing our City. I look forward to the deliberations in your committee, and to a healthy discussion of all City Departments when it comes before the City Council.

With kind regards,



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