Since 1969 the Los Angeles LGBT Center has cared for, championed, and celebrated LGBT individuals and families in Los Angeles and beyond. The Center's more than 600 employees provide services for more LGBT people than any other organization in the world, offering programs, services, and global advocacy that span four broad categories: Health, Social Services and Housing, Culture and Education, Leadership and Advocacy.

The Los Angeles LGBT Center operates two facilities in the Hollywood area. The McDonald/Wright Building, located at 1625 Schrader Boulevard, provides a special care clinic, health program, and administrative services. The Village at Ed Gould Plaza, located at 1125 N. McCadden Place, is home to a number of supportive services for the LGBT Center, including art galleries and two theatres. Pedestrian access between the two sites is limited due to deterioration of the asphalt and cement along major thoroughways, narrow existing sidewalks, insufficient striping of lanes and emergency curbs.

The Los Angeles LGBT Center has identified critical infrastructure improvements near their facility located at 1125 N. McCadden Place. These improvements will include major transit corridor improvements, pedestrian enhancements, and public transit routes along Santa Monica Boulevard, Las Palmas Avenue, and McCadden Place. These improvements would benefit the neighborhood by enhancing public safety for local residents. Currently, funding has not been identified to fulfill the vision of the Los Angeles LGBT Center.

Council District 4 has identified tax-exempt CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds from the Hollywood Redevelopment Project Area that can help fund portions of the Santa Monica Boulevard Streetscape Improvements project within said Redevelopment Area. In accordance with policies adopted by Council (C.F. 14-1174) related to the CRA/LA Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan, any proposal to expend CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds shall be initiated by Council Motion. Proposals will be reviewed by the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee, Economic Development Committee, and any other applicable committee with final recommendations presented to the Council and Mayor for final consideration and approval. The use of tax-exempt CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds for the Santa Monica Boulevard Streetscape Improvements project in the Hollywood Redevelopment Project Area is an identified eligible expense in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan.

I THEREFORE MOVE that $400,000 in tax-exempt CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District 4 from the Hollywood Redevelopment Project Area be appropriated to the Los Angeles LGBT Center to provide critical infrastructure improvements, including major transit corridor improvements, pedestrian enhancements, and public transit routes along Santa Monica Boulevard, Las Palmas Avenue, and McCadden Place.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Economic and Workforce Development Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, Department of Transportation, and any other applicable City department, provide a report with recommendations to the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee to allocate $400,000 in tax-exempt CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District 4 to the Los Angeles LGBT Center for the Santa Monica Boulevard Streetscape Improvements as identified in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan for the Hollywood Redevelopment Project Area.

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