MOTION

Council District Seven, in collaboration with the Cultural Affairs Department, Pacoima Beautiful, and the Valley Economic Development Corp. (VEDC), recently launched the Museo al Libre Aire (Open Air Museum) project to incubate and cultivate local artists and their craft and to develop a cultural infrastructure and arts programming for the local community. The first major public benefit of this effort is the creation of the Pacoima Arts Incubator.

The Pacoima Arts Incubator has received a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Our Town Grant in the amount of \$100,000 to support the programming and staffing of the facility. This funding must be encumbered by September of this year.

To support the NEA grant, Council District Seven secured a \$400,000 General City Purposes allocation to cover leasing, capital, and tenant improvement costs for the arts incubator facility. VEDC has agreed to serve as the leaseholder and technical manager for the facility. Cultural Affairs and Pacoima Beautiful will coordinate all programming activities within the space.

I THEREFORE MOVE that \$400,000 in the Council Community Projects line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 be allocated to the Valley Economic Development Corporation for the Pacoima Arts Incubator project, including specifically to fund lease payments and tenant improvements and to operate the space as a public benefit facility open to all stakeholders in the community.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to prepare the necessary document(s) and/or agreement(s), including any contract amendments, with Valley Economic Development Corporation, or any other agency or organization, as appropriate, in the above amount, for the above purpose, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, if needed, and that the Councilmember of the 7th District be authorized to execute such agreement or other document(s) on behalf of the City.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be authorized to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

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PRESENTED BY:

SECONDED BY:

FEDDE FUENTES Councilman, 7th District

