

MOTION

On June 20, 2017, the City Council adopted various actions pursuant to Motion (Wesson – Ryu) regarding the allocation of \$3,101,585 in taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District 10 from the Wilshire Center/Koreatown Redevelopment Project Area to assist with the development of the Korean American National Museum (C.F. 15-0730-S1). The recommendations considered and approved by Council included authorizing the expenditure of CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds to assist Korean American Museum, Inc. (KAM), with construction costs related to the development of the Korean American National Museum and instructed the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) to provide a report with recommendations to the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee to allocate the CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds.

The City is currently leasing a City-owned public parking lot located at 601-617 S. Vermont Avenue (APN 5502-025-900) to KAM. The City entered into the lease with KAM on June 3, 2013, as part of a public-private partnership aimed at developing the 24,524-square foot lot. The City and KAM are in the process of finalizing the terms of a new lease that would facilitate development of a seven-story mixed-use building comprised of the Korean American National Museum, accessory commercial space, residential dwellings, and associated parking. It has been determined that additional funds are needed to assist with cost of capital improvements to the public parking on site. There are tax-exempt CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District 10 from the Wilshire Center/Koreatown Redevelopment Project Area to assist with those costs. Considering that EWDD’s report to the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee is pending, the additional allocation of CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds should be added to EWDD’s report.

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.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council AMEND its previous actions of June 20, 2017, relative to utilizing \$3,101,585 from the Wilshire Center/Koreatown Redevelopment Project Area to assist the Korean American National Museum (C.F. 150730-S1) to:

1. AUTHORIZE an additional expenditure of \$398,415 in tax-exempt CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District 10 from the Wilshire Center/Koreatown Redevelopment Project Area, for an approved aggregate amount of \$3,500,000 in taxable and tax-exempt CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds to be utilized to assist the Korean American Museum, Inc., a California Non-Profit Corporation, and any applicable City Department with construction costs related to development of the Korean American National Museum and associated parking on City-owned property located at 601-617 South Vermont Avenue (A.P.N. 5502-025-900); and
2. INSTRUCT the Economic and Workforce Development Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, General Services Department, and any other applicable City Department, to provide a report with recommendations to the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee to allocate taxable and tax-exempt CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 to assist the Korean American Museum, Inc., and any applicable City Department with construction costs related to the development of the Korean American National Museum and associated parking as identified in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and related Bond Spending Plan as eligible expenses for the Wilshire Center/Koreatown Redevelopment Project Area.

PRESENTED BY:

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SECONDED BY:

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