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Paul Krekorian, Councilmember 2nd District
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Dear Councilmember Krekorian:

BUREAU OF ENGINEERING FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2016-17 PROPOSED BUDGET

In accordance with your letter dated February 29, 2016, the Bureau of Engineering (ENGINEERING) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Mayor's FY 2016-17 Proposed Budget (Proposed Budget). ENGINEERING appreciates the continued support and funding of our staff and the various services provided through our budgetary programs: Clean Water Infrastructure, Mobility, Public Buildings & Open Spaces, and Development Services. ENGINEERING also appreciates the exceptional opportunity to manage the City's Sidewalk Repair Program.

Increased Demand for Project Design and Construction

The Proposed Budget enhances our ability to deliver capital projects. It includes funding to complete the implementation of an electronic document control system and positions to support an increase in the number of Capital Improvement projects.

In addition to the Proposed Budget, two large, complex projects will now initiate construction this coming fiscal year and require two additional experienced construction professionals to manage the Potrero Canyon (\$26.5M) and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) Maintenance Facility (\$49.4M) projects.

Request: Two fully Special-Funded resolution authority Civil Engineer positions



Enhancing Service Delivery for Developers

The Proposed Budget will continue to support the growth of private development activities by focusing on improving customer service. It includes funding and positions to review Above Ground Facility requests and complete Tree Removal California Environmental Quality Act reviews. In addition, the continuation of our Development Services Program resolution authority positions will allow us to maintain the 33 percent reduction in processing time that we have achieved towards completing the first plan check for B-Permits.

BuildLA will now be in the implementation phase next FY. Given that ENGINEERING has 29 of the 105 City permitting related applications that will be transitioned under BuildLA, and does not currently have any positions for this transition project, a position is required to direct ENGINEERING's efforts on the City's Build LA Project. The position will report directly to the Development Services Program Deputy City Engineer.

Request: A fully fee-supported resolution authority Senior Civil Engineer position

Managing a Changing Workforce

In our technical organization, we are facing two major challenges. ENGINEERING has more than 44 percent of our existing staff eligible for retirement by the end of June 2018, and has more than 53 percent of our workforce in their current positions for three years or less. Succession planning will continue to be ENGINEERING's top strategic priority, including the continuation of our recruitment efforts at colleges and universities.

We look forward to continuing to partner with the City Council through this budget process and the upcoming fiscal year. Thank you for your consideration of our comments. If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 485-4935.

Sincerely,



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