



April 29, 2016

The Honorable Paul Krekorian  
Chair, Budget and Finance Committee  
City Hall, Room 395  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: CF 16-0600, Mayor's Proposed FY 2016-2017 Budget**

Dear Councilmember Krekorian:

Over the last decade, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding has decreased. These cuts have meant that each year, Councilmembers and service providers look to the general fund for gap funding of services for our communities. Family Source Centers are one of the programs that have been put in this position.

Faced with tough decisions, the Housing and Community Investment Department determined that the City-managed Family Source Centers would not receive CDBG funding. We understand the necessity for that decision. However, Bradley Milken Family Source Center (Watts), and Lucille Beserra Roybal Family Source Center (Boyle Heights) provide critical services to underserved households in communities that have historically been disinvested.

We respectfully request \$660,000 for the Housing and Community Investment Department to be split among Bradley Milken and Lucille Beserra Roybal Family Source Centers in order to maintain current levels of service through the next fiscal year.

We understand that City-management of these centers is phasing out. We want these facilities to stay open through the next year to prevent the vacancy of a community center in Watts and Boyle Heights and to ensure the relocation of current staff to avoid lay-offs. This will also give us one year to find alternative management and delivery of these services to our constituents.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Mayor's FY 2016-2017 Proposed Budget and for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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**JOSE HUIZAR**  
Councilmember, 14<sup>th</sup> District

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**JOE BUSCAINO**  
Councilmember, 15<sup>th</sup> District