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~~Report~~ Commencement from  
Councilmember Harris-Dawson



CITY HALL  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

April 27, 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 Budget FY 2016-2017

Councilmember Krekorian,

Over the past year, the City and County have grappled with how best to serve our most indigent population of Angelenos. In February, the City released a comprehensive homeless strategic plan that delved into how best to interact and connect with the homeless, how best to train our first responders, and how to create efficiencies and infrastructure to build affordable and supportive housing. We covered strategies focusing on youth, women, domestic violence survivors, the re-entry population and the chronically homeless. In order to make an impact, we worked closely with LAHSA to ensure integration with and implementation of the Coordinated Entry System throughout the City and County.

Throughout this process, the Homelessness and Poverty Committee has continued to work closely with the County Board of Supervisors and Mayor Garcetti on the appropriate delegation of responsibilities and to determine the scale of need for City resources.

I applaud Mayor Garcetti's continued efforts to not only create solutions but to actively fund and bring them to fruition. This year, the City will spend \$138 million dollars toward many short and long term solutions to address homelessness. This money is from many different sources and a good portion of it is for one time use. In order to truly mitigate the depths of this problem, we must quickly produce a new and on-going source of income specifically for homelessness and getting people off of the streets.

At this time, knowing that this \$138M is an essential one-time infusion to implement the City's strategic plan, I would like to request that the line items below be held in the Unappropriated Balance so that the Homelessness and Poverty Committee may coordinate the proposed metrics and benchmarks with the priorities of the strategic plan and help ensure our success in serving the most important needs of homeless individuals.



**Request to hold for H&P Cmte. Review**

1. Aging- \$450,000
2. Animal Services- \$32,547 Homeless Services Support
3. EWDD- \$2M General Fund Contribution
4. LAHSA- Data Driven Challenge- \$500,00
5. LAHSA- Safe Parking and Mobile Showers- \$770,198
6. Library- \$1.5M
7. LAHSA- Downtown Drop In/Sobering Center- \$450,000
8. LAHSA- Winter Shelter Program- \$99,683

**Additionally, I would like to request that there be further consideration for the CES Regional Coordination with an increase in allocation of \$800,000 to ensure proper expansion and capacity for the expansion of the Coordinated Entry System.**

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON  
Councilmember, 8<sup>th</sup> District  
Chair, Homelessness and Poverty Committee

CC:  
Mayor Eric Garcetti  
Council President Herb Wesson