ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, PARKS AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Transgender Advisory Council (TAC) and issues affecting the transgender community in the City.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INSTRUCT the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA), Human Relations Commission (HRC) and TAC to monitor all legislation affecting the transgender community.

2. INSTRUCT the HCIDLA, HRC and TAC to work with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to report on how transgender individuals are housed in homeless shelters.

3. INSTRUCT the HCIDLA, HRC and TAC, with LAHSA's assistance, to report on the progress incorporating gender nonbinary individuals when referring to transgender individuals in the community at large.

4. INSTRUCT the Personnel Department to work with the HRC and TAC to assess the cultural sensitivity training offered and needed for staff citywide, including sworn and proprietary, on how to address and serve the transgender community.

5. INSTRUCT the HRC to work with TAC and the AIDS Coordinator's Office on identifying and coordinate funding and programs that serve the transgender community.

6. REQUEST the Los Angeles Housing Authority to report on its procedures and records in resolving complaints of denied vouchers to transgender tenants.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the HCIDLA. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on November 29, 2017, your Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee considered a HCIDLA report relative to the TAC and issues affecting the transgender community in the City. The HCIDLA reports that the TAC is in its infancy as an advisory entity, but the members have accomplished much. They have organized the transgender community to develop a voice to communicate to City leaders the most pressing issues facing their community. There are future challenges, such as how the TAC will evolve legislatively, continuing advocacy roles for the community, and what are the priority topics to pursue. There is room for dialogue and much information to gather to help City leadership respond most appropriately to TAC concerns. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations presented in the HCIDLA Department report, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.
Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, PARKS AND RIVER COMMITTEE

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