ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the expenditure of \$2.3 million in General City Purposes Funds to support the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Summer Youth Employment Program.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the September 1, 2017 Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) report relative to the expenditure of \$2.3 million in General City Purposes Funds to support the FY 2017-18 Summer Youth Employment Program.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On October 10, 2017, your Committee considered a September 1, 2017 EWDD report relative to the expenditure of \$2.3 million in General City Purposes Funds to support the FY 2017-18 Summer Youth Employment Program. According to the EWDD, as part of the 2017-18 Adopted Budget (Council File No. 17-0600), the Mayor and the City Council appropriated a total of \$2.3 million in the General City Purposes funds to support the 2017 HIRE LA's Youth summer employment program. The appropriation was increased by \$300,000 in order for the EWDD to serve the same number of youths from the prior year, due to the City minimum wage increase from \$10.50 to \$12.00 per hour, effective July 2017.

Through the City's investment, a minimum of 1,000 young people will be placed in summer youth employment throughout the City. The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) has been a key component of the Youth Workforce Development System for well over 30 years in the City. In 2005, the SYEP was renamed to HIRE LA's Youth and this year marks the 12th anniversary of the robust public and private partnership. The HIRE LA's Youth initiative is based on a collaborative model with partners including Los Angeles County, Los Angeles Unified School District, LA Chamber of Commerce, corporate and community agencies, and direct employer hiring. The initiative relies on several funding sources, including General City Purposes funds, Los Angeles County Special and General funds, federal and corporate grants, and private donations. The largest public funder of the program is the Los Angeles County.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to note and file the September 1, 2017 EWDD report inasmuch that the report is for information only and no Council action is required. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
PRICE: YES
BUSCAINO: YES
HUIZAR: ABSENT

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