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Fwd: Request to Move \$99K Increase for Clean & Green from Tier B to Tier A

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Dear Budget & Finance Committee Members,

Thank you for considering and prioritizing our request for \$99K in additional GCP funding for Clean & Green next year.

Without this increase, we'll be forced to decrease City clean-up service levels and won't be able to continue to offer this 13-week work experience program to as many youth.

We're requesting that you move our request for additional funding from Tier B to Tier A to ensure continued levels of high-quality service in your Districts and throughout the City.

I've included more info. below (and attached a letter with the same). Please let me know if you have any questions – as always, thank you for your support!

Wendy Butts

Dear Chairperson Krekorian and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

Thank you for your attention to our request for additional funding to offset the 14% increase in minimum wage, effective July 1, 2017. **We appreciate your consideration to increase our Community Beautification contract (BC7401) by \$99,000 (to \$850,000).** This request represents a 13.2% increase to the current contract amount of \$751,000. Considered in this increase rate is the economy of scale that is realized with three (3) crews of five (5) Corpsmembers who work every day on the streets and in the neighborhoods of Los Angeles. The \$1.50/hour increase to the minimum wage (from \$10.50 to \$12.00/hour) not only affects the total number of Corpsmember hours this contract supports and the youth who put in those hours on general clean-up work but we must take into account the associated increases in the costs of doing business, including payroll taxes and workers' compensation costs; equipment, supplies and vehicle costs; and, increased crew supervision, coordination, management/direction and administrative expenses.

If the funding amount stays static at \$751,000, we will be forced to decrease the number of Corpsmembers on each of the three-funded crews (from 5 to 4) or the number of hours each of those youth can participate in our work experience program by 14%. We estimate that 60 Corpsmembers will rotate through these three crews next FY; *without an increase in our funding, only 52 will be served.* We offer each participating Clean & Green Corpsmember a total of 357.5 hours of work experience in a 3-month period; *without an increase in our funding next year, we'll have to decrease those hours to 312.8 (that equates to 2 fewer weeks with us).* It may not seem like a lot but in dollars it means \$500 less in wages for 60 underprivileged and eager young people who are building their resumes and adding experience to their job applications through participation in Clean & Green.

In terms of the community, we're concerned that fewer boots on the ground and fewer hours out on the streets performing the services others would complain about will have an adverse effect in the neighborhoods that need our services the most. We serve you and your constituents – with timely and quality service delivery; **please consider moving our request for an additional \$99,000 in General City Purposes funding from a Tier B request to Tier A – our Corpsmembers will thank you by giving back directly to your constituents.**

From: Wendy Butts

Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 1:02 PM

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Subject: Request for Funding to Support Increase in Minimum Wage for Corpsmembers

Dear Budget & Finance Committee Members,

We are so grateful to the City of Los Angeles that the Corps' funding for our Clean & Green program is included in next year's budget at the same levels as this year.

Unfortunately, the \$1,751,000 won't cover what it does this year as the minimum wage for our participants increases next year.

We are asking the City Council to approve the addition of the difference in both General Funds (at an additional \$99K for a total of \$850,000) and LASanitation funding (at an additional \$125K for a total of \$1,125,000) in next year's budget. The attached letter addresses our ask for the additional General Funds; we'll be making a public comments about both requests at tomorrow's hearing.

Can we count on you to support this request for \$224,000 in additional funding?

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support of our Corpsmembers!

Wendy Butts

Chief Executive Officer

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May 5, 2017

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Sincerely,

Wendy Butts
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cc: City of Los Angeles Council Members



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Dear Chairman Krekorian and Members of the Committee:

The streets of Los Angeles are far too dangerous for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists! People are dying unnecessarily. I am so thrilled that L.A. has committed to Vision Zero, and I look forward to watching our city become the place we all deserve. We have so much potential to be a great, safe city!

I strongly encourage the Budget and Finance Committee to revise the 2017 City Budget and robustly invest in saving lives and preventing injuries by meaningfully implementing Vision Zero. Los Angeles Department of Transportation General Manager Seleta Reynolds has said it will cost \$80 million to achieve the City's Vision Zero goal of 20% reduction in traffic deaths by the end of 2017. But the City's proposed budget dedicates a mere \$16 million. This extreme shortfall shows the City's lack of providing meaningful funding to meet its Vision Zero goals.

We also ask that the City reverse its trend of a flat investments in budget items related to the bicycle program. The City's failure to adequately invest in a robust bicycle program has resulted in fewer resources being allocated to programs that encourage people to bike, such as Safe Routes to Schools and bicycle wayfinding.

I urge you to:

Meaningfully increase funding for Vision Zero while decoupling funding for road resurfacing and Vision Zero efforts so the public has an accurate understanding of how money is being prioritized;

Increase funding to budget line items related to the City's bicycle program.

Sincerely,
David Coles