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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS - MAYOR'S 2017-18 PROPOSED BUDGET

Dear Councilmember Krekorian:

The Board of Public Works (BPW) welcomes the opportunity to provide comments on the Mayor's 2017-18 Proposed Budget. We are pleased with the resources to help solidify recently established functions within the BPW, and those that provide for the growth in existing services, such as:

- Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration and Safety (OPNGAS) resources;
- Reallocation of a Television and Motion Picture Manager position;
- Increased Graffiti Abatement funding by \$1,250,000 from \$8,476,539 in 2016-17 to \$9,726,539 in 2017-18 to complete 90 percent of requests within 48 hours;
- One-time supplemental Accounting services to expedite the realization of an additional \$2.5 million in B-Permit revenues; and,
- One Senior Accountant I position for Measure M accounting and payment services.

The BPW recognizes that the Mayor's Budget made many difficult decisions in funding critical quality of life and public safety needs. As part of the shared sacrifice in reducing the structural deficit, the BPW will need to absorb one-time General Fund salary reduction of \$235,651 (or 5 percent), which will hold vacant revenue generating/supporting and Graffiti Abatement positions.

The Mayor's proposed budget includes nine-months of funding for three new OPNGAS positions, as follows:

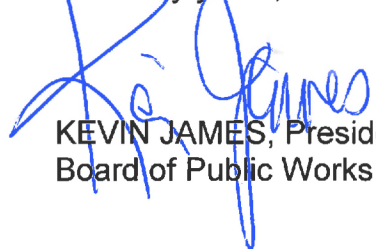
- One Senior Management Analyst I (Franchise & Contracts);
- One Senior Environmental Engineer (Safety and Compliance); and
- One Environmental Compliance Inspector (Safety and Compliance).

These additions will allow the BPW to hire staff and begin work in October 2017. These OPNGAS positions are similar to the previous organizational structure at the Department of Transportation, and will allow the continuation of work in renewing franchises and collecting existing revenue payments.

Further, we look forward to collaboration with the Offices of the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, Department of Transportation, and our Bureaus to determine resources that may be needed to implement various rail, bus, street, and capital projects related to Measure M. The BPW anticipates that as the program gears up, one Management Analyst position will be needed to assist in the fund management and administration, financial reporting to Metro, and budgetary analysis. Funding can be determined upon Metro's approval of the project plans and staffing needs.

Thank you for your favorable consideration. We look forward to implementing the 2017-18 Proposed Budget and to bolster the quality of life and delivery of public services to all Angelenos. If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 978-0251 or our Budget Coordinator, Raoul Mendoza, at (213) 978-0256.

Sincerely yours,



KEVIN JAMES, President
Board of Public Works

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