

Contact Information

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Summary: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council hereby supports the key findings of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and urges Mayor and City Council to address the ten recommendations of their 2018 White Paper.



Community Impact Statement
4/11/18

To: Councilmember Krekorian, Councilmember Wesson
From: Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (GWNC)
Re: Council File: 18-0600 (Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2018-19)

The Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approved this CIS by a vote of:
Aye (18) – Nay (1) – Abstain (0).

The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council hereby supports the work of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their 2018 White Paper and approves the filing of a Community Impact Statement for Council file 18-0600.

Specifically, the GWNC supports the ten recommendations of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates:

1. Increase transparency into the City's budget and finances by holding monthly town hall meetings at times convenient to the City's residents such as weekends or after 7 PM on weekdays.
2. Mandate that labor contracts or other agreements entered into will be revenue neutral within the term of each contract/agreement, i.e., will not increase the budget gap or result in further diminution of services.
3. Develop and implement a ten-year financial plan based on realistic and dynamic assumptions that eliminate the Structural Deficit, provide for the maintenance and repair of the City's infrastructure, pay for the City's out-of-control litigation costs, and begin to reduce the unfunded pension liability.
4. Develop a comprehensive plan to address all City infrastructure and repair and maintain our streets, including our sidewalks, parks, and urban forest. Accidents on City streets and sidewalks that need repair account for a substantial portion of the City's litigation costs.
5. Benchmark the efficiency of the City services, beginning with Public Works, Recreation and Parks, Building and Safety, and General Services.
6. Outsource to private contractors 50% of the repair and maintenance of our streets and sidewalks and compare the results with City-staffed crews. Work performed by independent contractors must be supervised to ensure quality and that the work is on time and on budget.
7. Review and analyze the City's two underfunded pension plans and develop and implement recommendations to eliminate the unfunded pension liability over



the next fifteen years. The pension plans are a ticking time bomb as the City is legally obligated to pay the pension liabilities that will accrue.

8. Build the Reserve Fund and Budget Stabilization Fund to an amount equal to 10% of the General Fund, a level recommended by Miguel Santana, our previous City Administrative Officer, as well as Page 3 of 3 by the State of California. Unappropriated balances are not considered reserves. [Note: The Government Finance Officers Association suggests reserves equal to 17% of the General Fund.]
9. Develop a capital expenditure plan that addresses the expansion of the Convention Center, the improvement of the Civic Center, the revitalization of the Los Angeles River, compliance with the Clean Water Act, and the modernization of the City's Management Information Systems and IT infrastructure. Funds should be allocated directly to capital costs as part of the City Budget and not be swept back into the General Fund.
10. Establish an independent Office of Transparency and Accountability to oversee the City's finances and ensure fiscal responsibility. This recommendation was first made to the LA 2020 Commission, a body established at the suggestion of City Council President Herb Wesson.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact the GWNC with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Hoffman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joseph Hoffman
Secretary
Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council

CC: Councilmember Ryu, Councilmember Koretz, NC Budget Advocates (Jay Handel)