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Summary: The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council requests that the City take immediate action to address the Ten Recommendations in the White Paper to increase transparency and accountability, resolve the structural deficit and pension issues, improve the efficiency of City services and upgrade our failing infrastructure, and develop a capital expenditure plan that meets the City's future needs.

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Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

May 3, 2018

Mayor Eric Garcetti & the Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: CIS on CF 18-0600 – Support for the Budget Advocates' White Paper

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood. We want, as the Mayor calls for in his budget, a prosperous city, a safer city, a livable and sustainable city with a well-run city government.

However, we continue to be concerned that, while the economy is clearly improving and the City's income is increasing, services have yet to return to the pre-2008 level. The multiple departments and entities that form our City government can be confusing to navigate and jurisdictional disputes delay action. Furthermore, there are huge hurdles to be addressed in regards to homelessness and infrastructure. These hurdles are being endlessly discussed but so far have lacked satisfactory resolution. We want qualified professionals at the helm of critical departments and we want the fiscal resilience necessary to feel confident about our future.

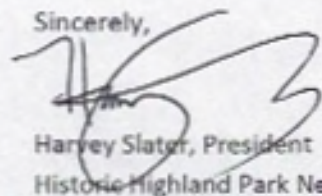
The points raised in the 2018 Budget Advocates' White Paper are thus important to us and relevant to the City as a whole.

The City needs to get its fiscal matters in order BEFORE the next recession. It needs to stop pushing debt onto the next generation. It needs to be more responsive to the people's needs.

And it needs to ensure adequate reserves - \$100 million in the Budget Stabilization Fund and \$40 million in the Reserve Fund may sound like a lot of money for someone living in Highland Park but it is less than 1.5% of the City's \$10 billion budget, less than 2.5% of the General Fund, a far cry from the 10% called for by the State of California.

Therefore the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council requests that the City take immediate action to address the Ten Recommendations in the White Paper to increase transparency and accountability, resolve the structural deficit and pension issues, improve the efficiency of City services and upgrade our failing infrastructure, and develop a capital expenditure plan that meets the City's future needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harvey Slater', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Harvey Slater, President
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council