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Honorable Paul Krekorian
Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
City Council, City of Los Angeles
Room 435, City Hall
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Committee Chair and Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit to your Committee comments on the Mayor's proposed 2018-19 Proposed Budget for the Office of Public Accountability/Ratepayer Advocate (OPA). We believe that the Proposed Budget incorporates sufficient funding for staffing and other resources that are necessary for this Office to properly discharge our Charter and ordinance responsibilities.

Our efforts are heavily dependent on the variability of the Department of Water and Power's plans and schedules. In addition, our reviews, which can be very time consuming, often require extensive data collection, the development of detailed tasks and funding that frequently takes multiple fiscal years to complete. The Proposed Budget addresses these needs through funds included in our operating budget along with supplemental funding in the Unappropriated Balance.

We urge the Committee's support of the Proposed Budget.

I am readily available for you or your staff for any questions or assistance.

Regards,



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