

Communication from Public

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May 17, 2019

Mayor Eric Garcetti
City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Council File 19-0600 (City budget priorities for 2019-2020)

Dear Mayor Garcetti:

On April 23, 2019 our Board voted 12-0-0 to submit our recommendations on priorities for the 2019-2020 City budget. These priorities are based on the needs which our stakeholders have brought to us at meetings and via telephone calls and e-mail:

- Animal Services – increased funding for the collection of stray animals and for the reduction of feral cats (throughout the Harbor Gateway North area-see map)
- Bureau of Sanitation – increased funding for the repair, paving, maintenance of alleys
 - 1) alley west of Ainsworth from 156th to Redondo Beach Blvd.
 - 2) alley north of 129th Street and south of El Segundo Blvd. between Menlo Avenue and Hoover Street
 - 3) alley south of 126th Street and north of Laconia between Vermont Avenue and Ainsworth
- Bureau of Sanitation – increased funding for weekly street cleaning in areas that have not previously had posted cleanings
Districts 1, 2, 3, and 6 of the Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council area (see map), including along Hoover Street between 120th Street and Imperial Highway
- Bureau of Sanitation - increased funding for street cleaning along major streets
 - 1) Vermont Avenue from 168th Street to 113th Street
 - 2) Figueroa Street from Redondo Beach Blvd. to El Segundo Blvd.
 - 3) Rosecrans Avenue from Vermont Avenue to the I-110
 - 4) El Segundo Blvd. from Vermont Avenue to the I-110

- 5) 120th Street from Vermont Avenue to Figueroa Street (Districts 5 and 6)
 - 6) Imperial Highway from Vermont Avenue to Central Avenue (Districts 6, 7, and 8)
- Bureau of Sanitation - increased funding for the removal of illegally dumped items; prosecution of individuals illegally dumping; and, installation of deterrent barriers at key locations:
 - 1) 168th Street under the I-110
 - 2) Estrella between 164th Street and 168th Street
 - 3) Alondra Blvd. under the I-110
 - 4) Vermont Avenue from 125th Street to 127th Street
 - 5) alley between 126th Street and Laconia Blvd. between Vermont and Ainsworth
 - 6) Athens Way between 120th Street and 117th Street (installation of deterrent barriers)
 - 7) Hoover Street-12700 block (District 5)
 - 8) Laconia Blvd. at Ainsworth Street (northeast corner)
 - 9) Figueroa Street from 121st Street to El Segundo Blvd.
 - 10) 117th Street from Main to Figueroa Street
 - 11) Railroad tracks between Main Street and San Pedro Street
 - 12) 116th Street at Lanzit
 - 13) Main Street under the 105 Freeway overpass
 - 14) San Pedro Street under the 105 Freeway overpass
 - 15) Stanford under the 105 Freeway overpass
 - Bureau of Sanitation – increased funding for trash containers on public sidewalks
 - 1) Vermont Avenue south of 157th Street in front of condominiums and next to bus stop
 - 2) Imperial Highway at Main Street
 - 3) Imperial Highway at San Pedro Street
 - Bureau of Sanitation – increased funding for maintenance/cleaning/clearing/service of storm water drains and storm drain grates for the area of 120th Street on the north, El Segundo Blvd. on the south, Vermont Avenue on the west, and Figueroa to the Los Angeles County boundary on the east.
 - Bureau of Sanitation – increased funding for weed abatement/cleaning of City lot at east end of alley located end of “not a tru alley” between Vermont/Ainsworth/126th St./Laconia Blvd.
 - Bureau of Street Lighting - increased funding to improve street lighting
 - 1) in District 1 – Gardena Blvd from Vermont to Figueroa St
 - 2) in District 5—see map
 - 3) in District 6 – see map

- 1) Bureau of Street Services – increased funding for residential street repairs needed due to tree roots, sidewalk repairs, broken curb replacement, and tree stump removal, with prioritization of tree removal and sidewalk repairs for ten of the worst areas within our Neighborhood Council each year; we can provide a list and photos:

515 W. Gardena Blvd. (badly lifted sidewalk)
Hoover Street from 168th St to 171st (badly lifted sidewalks on both side of street)
170th St cul-de-sac (lifted sidewalk due to tree stumps under sidewalk)
16301 Figueroa Street (lifted sidewalk)

519 W. Alondra (lifted sidewalk)
16118 S. Denver Street (lifted sidewalk; tree stump in parkway)
15503 Ainsworth Street (lifted sidewalk)
15507 Ainsworth Street (lifted sidewalk)
15522 Ainsworth Street (lifted sidewalk)
15711 Ainsworth Street (lifted sidewalk)
15920 S. Ainsworth Street (dead palm tree removal)
15410 Bonsallo Avenue (tree stump in parkway)
15411 Bonsallo Avenue (lifted sidewalk)
15500 Bonsallo Avenue (lifted sidewalk)
15523 Bonsallo Avenue (lifted sidewalk)
15622 Bonsallo Avenue (lifted sidewalk)
15713 Denver Avenue (lifted sidewalk)
15931 Denver Avenue (lifted sidewalk)
15935 Denver Avenue (lifted sidewalk)
16001 Denver Avenue (lifted sidewalk)
15721 Menlo Avenue (lifted sidewalk)
16010 Orchard Avenue (lifted sidewalk)
500 W. 157th Street (lifted sidewalk)
503 W. 157th Street (lifted sidewalk)
530 W. 157th Street (lifted sidewalk)
540 W. 157th Street (lifted sidewalk)
756 W. 158th Street (lifted sidewalk)
753 W. 159th Street (tree stump in parkway)

14814 Estrella Avenue (sidewalk)
708 W. Rosecrans (tree stump in parkway)
14315 Orchard Avenue (stump in parkway)
846 W. 144th Street (tree stump in parkway)
829 W. 145th Street (dead tree)
807 W. 145th Street (sidewalk)
812 W. 145th Street (sidewalk)
746 W. 148th Place/Street (tree stump in parkway)
812 W. 148th Place (tree stump in parkway)

733 W. 140th Street (sidewalk)
738 W. 140th Street (sidewalk)

740 W. 140th (lifted sidewalk)
 748 W. 140th Street (sidewalk)
 813 W. 140th Street (sidewalk)
 822 W. 140th Street (sidewalk)
 828 W. 140th Street (sidewalk)
 827 W. 140th Street (sidewalk)
 849 W. 140th Street (sidewalk)
 12933 S. Hoover Street (lifted sidewalk)
 13718 Menlo Avenue (lifted sidewalk)
 727 W. 129th Street (lifted sidewalk)
 722 W. 130th Street (lifted sidewalk)
 746 W. 130th Street (lifted sidewalk)
 812 W. 130th Street (lifted sidewalk)
 814 W. 130th Street (lifted sidewalk)
 816 W. 130th Street (lifted sidewalk)
 746 W. 131st Street (lifted sidewalk)
 702 W. 135th Street (lifted sidewalk)
 708 W. 135th Street (lifted sidewalk)
 716 W. 136th Street (lifted sidewalk)
 719 W. 136th Street (lifted sidewalk)
 702 W. 137th Street (lifted sidewalk and street)

500 – 600 block of W. 121st Street (both sides of street)
 614 W. 121st Street (lifted sidewalk)
 652 W. 121st Street (lifted sidewalk) “highest” priority
 703 W. 123rd Street
 711 W. 123rd Street
 729 W. 123rd Street
 754 W. 124th Street
 760 W. 124th Street
 764 W. 124th Street
 810 W. 126th Street (lifted sidewalk)
 814 W. 126th street (lifted sidewalk)
 127th Street near 640 W. Laconia Blvd. (lifted sidewalk)
 12431 Ainsworth Street (lifted sidewalk)
 12224 S. Hoover Street
 648 or 684 W. Laconia (lifted sidewalk)
 12510 S. Vermont Avenue (lifted sidewalk)

305 E. 115th Street (curb repair)
 317 E. 115th Street (curb repair)
 325 E. 115th Street (curb repair)
 331 E. 115th Street (lifted sidewalk)
 335 E. 115th Street (curb repair)
 345 E. 115th Street (curb repair)
 351 E. 115th Street (curb repair)
 363 E. 115th Street (curb repair)
 370 E. 115th Street (curb repair)

380 E. 115th Street (lifted sidewalk)
629 E. 115th Street (curb repair)
632 E. 115th Street (curb repair)
664 E. 115th Street (curb repair)
666 E. 115th Street (curb repair)
708 E. 115th Street (lifted sidewalk)
734 E. 115th Street (lifted sidewalk)
820 E. 115th Street (lifted sidewalk)
826 E. 115th Street (lifted sidewalk)
830 E. 115th Street (lifted sidewalk)
836 E. 115th Street (lifted sidewalk)
301 E. 116th Place (curb repair)
335 E. 116th Place (curb repair).
347 E. 116th Place (curb repair)
351 E. 116th Place (curb repair)
355 E. 116th Place (curb repair)
359 E. 116th Place (curb repair)
385 E. 116th Place (lifted sidewalk)
389 E. 116th Place (lifted sidewalk)
633 E. 116th Place (curb repair)
645 E. 116th Place (lifted sidewalk)
667 E. 116th Place (curb repair)
929 E. 116th Place (lifted sidewalk)
933 E. 116th Place (lifted sidewalk)
326 E. 116th Street (lifted sidewalk)
354 E. 116th Street (lifted sidewalk)
370 E. 116th Street (curb repair)
371 E. 116th Street (lifted sidewalk)
616 E. 116th Street (lifted sidewalk)
667 E. 116th Street (lifted sidewalk)
681 E. 116th Street (lifted sidewalk)
705 E. 116th Street (curb repair)
715 E. 116th Street (curb repair)
721 E. 116th Street (curb repair)
725 E. 116th Street (curb repair)
729 E. 116th Street (curb repair)
733 E. 116th Street (curb repair)
854 E. 118th Drive (sidewalk repair)
1113 E. 118th Drive (lifted sidewalk)
439 E. 118th Place (sidewalk repair)
801 E. 118th Place (sidewalk repair)
918 E. 118th Place (sidewalk repair)
919 E. 118th Place (sidewalk repair)
935 E. 118th Place (sidewalk repair)
945 E. 118th Place (sidewalk repair)
1135 E. 118th Street (sidewalk repair)
860 E. 118th Street (sidewalk repair)
616 E. 118th Street (curb repair)
619 E. 118th Street (curb repair)
620 E. 118th Street (curb repair)
622 E. 118th Street (curb repair)
623 E. 118th Street (curb repair)

625 E. 118th Street (curb repair)
629 E. 118th Street (curb repair)
632 E. 118th Street (curb repair)
633 E. 118th Street (curb repair)
639 E. 118th Street (curb repair)
640 E. 118th Street (curb repair)
645 E. 118th Street (curb repair)
674 E. 118th Street (curb repair)
675 E. 118th Street (curb repair)
860 E. 118th Street (lifted sidewalk)
1106 E. 118th Street (sidewalk repair)
1135 E. 118th Street (sidewalk repair)
311 E. 119th Street (curb repair)
319 E. 119th Street (curb repair)
342 E. 119th Street (curb repair)
353 E. 119th Street (curb repair)
403 E. 119th Street (curb repair)
422 E. 119th Street (curb repair)
430 E. 119th Street (curb repair)
455 E. 119th Street (curb repair)
630 E. 119th Street (curb repair)
632 E. 119th Street (curb repair)
640 E. 119th Street (curb repair)
644 E. 119th Street (curb repair)
1133 E. 119th Street (sidewalk repair)
701 E. 120th Street (sidewalk repair)
702 E. 120th Street (sidewalk repair)
710 E. 120th Street (sidewalk repair)
714 E. 120th Street (sidewalk repair)
715 E. 120th Street (sidewalk repair)
718 E. 120th Street (sidewalk repair)
722 E. 120th Street (sidewalk repair)
727 E. 120th Street (sidewalk repair)
729 E. 120th Street (sidewalk repair)
810 E. 120th Street (sidewalk repair)

- Bureau of Street Services – tree trimming
 - 1) 16118 S. Denver (overgrown tree)
 - 2) 15522 Ainsworth (badly overgrown ficus tree)
 - 3) 703 W. 137th Street (overgrown trees)
 - 4) 709 W. 137th Street (overgrown trees)
 - 5) 12510 S. Vermont Ave. (leaning tree – needs removal)
 - 6) 127th Street near 640 W. Laconia Blvd.
 - 7) 11620 Belhaven Street (overgrown tree)
 - 8) 11626 Belhaven Street (overgrown tree)
 - 9) 11736 Stanford Avenue (overgrown tree)
 - 10) 604 E. 116th Place (overgrown tree)
 - 11) 321 E. 119th Street (overgrown tree)

- Bureau of Street Services – tree planting needed

- 1) Street median on Figueroa Street from 173rd to Redondo Beach Blvd. with trees
 - 2) Median on the south side of Rosecrans (new trees planted in the median to mitigate the air pollution from traffic on Rosecrans)
- Bureau of Street Services -Increased funding to maintain the median on Vermont Avenue between Imperial Highway and 120th Street
 - Bureau of Street Services – curb cuts for ADA accessibility
 - 1) 801 W. 135th Street – in front of the 135th Street School at the crosswalk
 - 2) 652 W. 121st Street
 - 3) Across from 801 W. 124th Street
 - 4) 126th Street, 700 through 800 blocks on south side of street
 - 5) Ainsworth, 12300 through 12500 blocks
 - 6) Ainsworth, 12600 to Laconia
 - 7) Vermont Avenue, 12300 through 12500 blocks
 - Bureau of Street Services – sidewalks needed; none currently present
 - 1) Alondra Blvd., north side, from Menlo Avenue to Orchard Avenue
 - 2) 157th Street from Vermont Avenue to the I-110
 - 3) Figueroa Street, west side, between 147th Street to 150th Street
 - 4) Figueroa Street, east side, between 146th Street to 150th Street
 - 5) 810 W. 126th Street
 - 6) Ainsworth, 12400 block
 - 7) Vermont Avenue, 12300 through 12400 block
 - Bureau of Street Services – alley paving needed
 - 1) Unpaved alley north of 155th Street and east of Vermont Avenue
 - Bureau of Street Services – installation of barriers in street to prevent cars doing donuts
 - 1) Ainsworth Street at 126th Street
 - 2) Athens Blvd. at Hoover Street
 - 3) Hoover at Laconia Blvd.
 - 4) Laconia Blvd. at Ainsworth Street
 - Bureau of Street Services – highway repairs needed
 - 1) Redondo Beach Blvd., south side, under I-110
 - 2) Rosecrans Avenue (861 W. Rosecrans-bump in road)
 - 3) Hoover at intersection of Arbor Place/123rd Street
 - 4) Hoover at intersection of El Segundo Blvd.
 - 5) Figueroa Street from 120th Street to Imperial Highway
 - 6) 11851 Belhaven Street (street repair)
 - 7) 11817 Belhaven Street (street repair)
 - 8) 11812 Belhaven Street (street repair)
 - 9) 1113 E. 119th Street (pothole)
 - Building and Safety – increased funding for code enforcement in conjunction with the Dept. of City Planning
 - Economic and Workforce Development – funding for the establishment of a citywide plan for job creation, small business development, and the revitalization of economically disadvantaged communities while retaining the historical and cultural makeup of the community

- Economic and Workforce Development – Additional funding for the summer youth employment program for those 16-24 years of age.
- Fire Department – increased funding for staff to conduct double the number of CERT classes each year, so that one series of classes per year can be held within each Neighborhood Council area
- Housing and Community Investment Department – site assessment along Figueroa Street between Rosecrans Avenue and El Segundo Blvd. to identify a possible location for a homeless shelter
- LAPD – prioritize regular community patrols in each basic car area (18A97, 18A63, and 18A41) of Southeast Division
- LAPD - add one additional Senior Lead Officer for each basic car area (18A97, 18A63, and 18A41) in Southeast Division
- LAPD – funding for the renovation/rebuilding of Southeast LAPD Division
- LAPD – increase funding to hire additional law enforcement personnel and additional office/clerical (support) staff (City-wide)
- LAPD – funding for extra “ghost” cars for Southeast LAPD Division
- LAPD – installation of equipment to monitor security cameras in key illegal dumping locations, such as under freeway overpasses:
 - 1) 168th Street under the 110 Freeway
 - 2) 117th Street between Figueroa Street and Broadway
 - 3) Main Street under the 105 Freeway
 - 4) San Pedro Street under the 105 Freeway
 - 5) Stanford under the 105 Freeway
- LAPD – increased funding for 911 operators
- Neighborhood Empowerment – increased funding for field staff and public relations staff
- Planning – designated funding for enforcement of the South LA and Southeast LA Community Plans and beginning work on the Harbor Gateway Community Plan
- Recreation and Parks – funding for skateboard parks and pocket parks (in HGNNC Districts 7 and 8)
- Transportation
 - 1) Increased funding for parking enforcement to remove abandoned vehicles faster
 - 2) Increased funding for the speed hump program (149th Street from Menlo Avenue to the 110 freeway; Ainsworth from Redondo Beach Blvd. to 157th Street; Hoover Street from El Segundo to Rosecrans Avenue)
 - 3) Figueroa Street residential from 168th Street to Alondra Blvd. – enhancements for walkability

- 4) Utilize Vision Zero funding to resolve safety issues on Gardena Blvd. at Menlo Avenue and other locations where children from Gardena Elementary School cross the street to and from school
- 5) Signage and other traffic calming measures to prevent large trucks using 135th Street west of the 110 freeway
- 6) Utilize Vision Zero funding to resolve safety issues on 135th Street in front of the 135th Street Elementary School
- 7) Signage, cameras, and other traffic calming measures:
 - a) Every intersection in the HGNNC District 5 area (see map) to prevent cars doing wheelies or donuts
 - b) Hoover Street from El Segundo to 120th Street to control speeding
 - c) Laconia Blvd. (600 block to 800 block) to control speeding
 - d) Laconia Blvd. from Hoover Street to Vermont Avenue (no parking signs or barriers) to prevent parking between yellow lines in middle of street
 - e) Laconia Blvd. from Hoover Street to Denver/127th Street to control speeding
 - f) Laconia Place (700 block) south side of street - replace or re-install "No Parking Anytime" sign.

Sincerely,



Pamela Thornton, Chairperson
Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council

Attachment {Map}

cc: Councilmember Joe Buscaino
Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson
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Communication from Public

Name: Jeffrey Mausner

Date Submitted: 05/02/2019 04:59 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Summary, Budget Advocates White Paper for L.A. Animal Services Department, pages 26-29, <http://ncbala.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/White-Paper-2019-Final.pdf>
By Jeffrey Mausner, Budget Advocate, Region 3 After many years in which thousands of animals were killed in our City shelters for lack of space, the City has finally reached No-Kill for dogs. This is a monumental achievement, for which Los Angeles Animal Services Department (LAAS), the City Council, the Mayor, and the entire City can be very proud. But this accomplishment will be jeopardized if there is insufficient funding for spay/neuter programs -- the shelters will once again be killing dogs for lack of space. And the City has not yet gotten to No-Kill for cats. LAAS receives less than half a percent of the City Budget (about a quarter percent of the appropriated City budget), to provide protection and care of all animals in the City, including operation of the six City animal shelters. In order to achieve and maintain the Mayor's and City Council's goal of No-Kill, provide humane treatment for the animals in the City shelters, and provide adequate services to the public, the LAAS budget should be modestly increased to include the following: 1. Funding of Spay/Neuter. The annual transfer of \$1.1 million (approximately one ten thousandths of the City budget) from the General Fund to the Animal Sterilization Fund should be reinstated. This transfer did not take place for several years. To make up for years in which there was no funding or reduced funding of the Animal Sterilization Fund, additional funds may be necessary this year. SPAY/NEUTER IS THE KEY TO REACHING AND MAINTAINING NO-KILL. AS WELL AS BEING THE ONLY HUMANE WAY OF DEALING WITH THE OVERPOPULATION OF ANIMALS IN THE CITY, SPAY/NEUTER ALSO SAVES THE CITY A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE LONG RUN. IT IS MUCH CHEAPER TO SPAY/NEUTER DOGS, CATS, AND RABBITS THAN IT IS TO CARE FOR THE GENERATIONS OF OFFSPRING OF THOSE ANIMALS AT THE CITY SHELTERS AND ULTIMATELY HAVE TO PUT THEM TO DEATH WHEN THE SHELTERS RUN OUT OF SPACE FOR THEM. See Budget Advocates White Paper, pages 27-28. At this time (5-2-2019), it appears that LAAS is requesting an additional \$498,000 over what is in the Mayor's budget proposal. LAAS has determined that failure to provide this amount will result in 4,790 less spay/neuter surgeries in 2019-20 than in the current fiscal year. What does that mean? It means tens of thousands of additional unwanted animals in the streets of Los Angeles and in the City Shelters over the next few years. It means many more animals killed in car accidents on the streets, many more animals put to death in our shelters because of lack of space. I urge you to provide this funding, which LAAS has determined is necessary. 2. Personnel. The Budget Advocates' proposals relating to personnel, to help achieve and

maintain No-Kill, increase volunteer support for the shelters, and provide better services to the public, are set forth in the White Paper, pages 28-29. For example, in 2018 volunteers put in over 91,000 hours of service, the equivalent of 46 full-time employees; but the City and the animals are still losing out on thousands of free volunteer hours because of lack of adequate staffing. Increasing the number of volunteers and volunteer hours provides an exponential benefit of free labor to the City and improvement of quality of life for the animals, as well as improved and more efficient services for City residents patronizing the shelters. Recently, an Animal Care Technician (ACT) at each shelter was assigned to act as a Volunteer Liaison. This helped to increase the number of volunteers and volunteer hours. In order to continue that success, the Volunteer Liaison positions should be made permanent, and 6 additional Animal Care Technicians (ACTs) are needed to make up for the ACTs who have been designated Volunteer Liaisons. The same is true for the newly designated Life Saving Liaisons; those positions should be made permanent, and 6 additional Animal Care Technicians (ACTs) are needed to make up for the ACTs who have been designated Life Saving Liaisons.

3. Cost Savings: Adequately fund spay/neuter as discussed above (this will save the City tens of millions of dollars in the future); provide adequate staffing to increase volunteer hours.

4. Revenue: Increase collections of licensing fees through hiring canvassers; increase donations through the hiring of a Public Information Director. Please see Budget Advocates White Paper, pages 26-29, for further details and proposals. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Jeffrey Mausner (For identification purposes) Board of Directors and 2nd Vice President, Tarzana Neighborhood Council (TNC) Chairman, TNC Animal Welfare Committee Neighborhood Council Liaison to LA Animal Services Dept Budget Representative and Budget Advocate Volunteer, West Valley Animal Shelter Email: Jeff@MausnerLaw.com

Communication from Public

Name: Patricia McAllister

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Comments for Public Posting: Why are 50 percent of the Budget Finance meetings cancelled?

Communication from Public

Name: Liz Amsden

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Comments for Public Posting: Adding a 10th HOPE team is good but my understanding is that both the Clean Streets and HOPE teams would be most effective if a total of 4 administrative positions were added; Clean Streets were funded for two admin positions, please consider funding 4 positions. These positions would also assist by interfacing with the Homeless Strategies effort. Agencies may have reported a first-time decrease in people living on the streets of Los Angeles but, in their day-to-day work, LA San does not see a reduction in the homeless population. It is unclear to what extent monies were needed/added for LA San to engage with the City's Homeless Strategies effort and other programs to anticipate and mitigate problems with homeless encampments, couch-surfers and people living in cars and trailers. This is a needed part of the Mayor's homelessness initiative. Please ensure sufficient monies are allocated. Although the following suggestions will require extra funding, ultimately the City would have savings if they provided smaller black bins at significantly reduced charges to customers to encourage waste reduction driven by consumers and subsidized RecycLA franchisees to provide green waste bins at no charge to multi-unit customers with yard waste. The City should fund the development of local recycling plants and markets, especially with regards to green waste. The money spent on this would pay off down the line with not only jobs and shipping savings but also with the economic boost from innovative production derived from what we now see as waste. The City should also expand water capture and recycling and increase effective water conservation to reduce the City's reliance on imported water, the cost of which may grow exponentially in years to come.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Armstrong
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Comments for Public Posting: Please find attached a joint letter from Americans for Safe Access and The Southern California Coalition asking for the support of the Budget Committee for the Department of Cannabis Regulation.



April 30, 2019

The Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council Budget Committee
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Social Equity & The Upcoming Budget - CF 19-0600

Dear Honorable Members of the Budget Committee:

As we move towards the onerous task of the annual budget, we hope that the City will consider the accomplishments of the Department of Cannabis Regulation and the material progress that department has made towards a meaningful and sustainable Social Equity Program.

Ms. Packer and her team have worked tirelessly to overcome funding and staff shortfalls. Despite these impediments, they have created from scratch one of the largest cannabis licensing efforts in the state while simultaneously crafting the largest Social Equity Program in the country. The demands upon her department are many and seem to increase endlessly.

The Department of Cannabis Regulation (the DCR) has behaved responsibly, with transparency and great care. Fully funding their efforts, ensures that the Social Equity Program moves forward. It gives Ms. Packer the monies she needs to ensure she has adequate staff and resources to move forward.

The Southern California Coalition and Americans for Safe Access are deeply grateful for political courage of the Council and our Mayor. The willingness to invest in a meaningful and successful Social Equity Program is a step few elected officials have ever been willing to take. In this effort you could not have a better partner than Ms. Packer and her very dedicated team. We hope that the Honorable Members of the Budget Committee will recognize the achievements of the DCR and supply the budgetary support the department needs to move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ad Sp".

Adam Spiker
Executive Director
The Southern California Coalition

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Sarah Armstrong JD
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RE: Consideration of the Mayor's FY 2019-20 Proposed Budget for Urban Forestry

We believe a healthy urban forest is essential infrastructure to a thriving, sustainable, and resilient city. Los Angeles's urban forest, if planned and managed well, can protect Angelenos from many of the current and future impacts of climate change including: saving lives from extreme heat, capturing and cleaning water, improving human health and wellbeing, and providing many other life-supporting benefits.

We acknowledge and appreciate that the Mayor's FY 2019-2020 Proposed Budget increased funding for street tree and parkway maintenance under the Bureau of Street Services, especially much needed funding for tree watering enhancement and a City Forest Officer position.

However, the following recommended priority budgetary items from the “[First Step of Developing an Urban Forestry Management Plan for the City of Los Angeles](#)” were not included and need to be funded in the FY 2019-2020 budget to better align with the Mayor's priorities expressed in the [Resilient Los Angeles](#) plan and and the recent [LA's Green New Deal](#):

- **\$3 Million for a professional street tree inventory conducted by Certified Arborists as the first priority.** This is the most critical step to develop the First Urban Forestry Management Plan and will serve as the foundation for sustainable urban forestry management for the City. **We strongly urge the City to provide a minimum of \$1 Million in this fiscal year (as requested by the**

***Bureau of Street Services*) and provide the balance of the funding in the following fiscal year to fund this critical item.**

- **Funding to immediately create and implement an urban forestry Public Education program.** The City needs to immediately determine where this program will be housed and develop goals and a program given that about 90% of our trees are privately owned. Providing funding to start the process this year is critical.
- **Funding for a complete Urban Forestry Management Plan (a minimum of \$400,000).**

Thank you for your leadership and support. We hope you, our Council Members, will speak for our trees and make sure that the City provides sufficient financial and other needed resources to protect, plant, and maintain a healthy and thriving urban forest.

We look forward to working with you on this critical issue to achieve a greener, healthier, and more climate-resilient future for all Angelenos.

Cc:

Mayor Garcetti

Councilmember Cedillo

Councilmember Krekorian

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Chief Executive Officer
Los Angeles Beautification Team

Communication from Public

Name: Liz Amsden
Date Submitted: 04/30/2019 01:47 PM
Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Even though their responsibilities have grown and they STILL have fewer personnel than prior to the 2008 financial crisis, the commission's staff are doing a great job. Although their budget reflects a 6.9% increase, this department needs more to be effective. And its being effective will save the City significantly in the long run by stopping poor actions BEFORE they become liabilities and by cracking down and fining miscreants. I would like to reiterate the funding recommendations included in the Budget Advocate White Paper this year: * funding the promotion of key personnel in order to retain their services and institutional knowledge * adding 3 education positions including all ancillary costs * adding 2 project assistants to handle entry level audit and investigative duties as well as helping with clerical responsibilities (note that identifying existing as-needed monies as administrative support is pure window dressing) * adding 1 additional auditor including all ancillary costs – this actually is in the budget but only for 9 months - it will take 6 months to hire and train, and who with the necessary qualifications wants a job for only a few months * increasing the department's overhead budget to \$60K so they can focus on getting the work done, not quibbling over pencils. ALL POSITIONS SHOULD BE FULL TIME 12 MONTH APPOINTMENTS - I am very disappointed in the addition of an auditor for 9 months when the City's personnel department can take that long to find and hire someone. And then there will be months of training before they are fully effective. And what qualified person, as mentioned above, wants to take a job that will end just as they are getting up to speed? And just when they are most needed with all the people running in 2020!

ETHICS COMMISSION

Date of Meeting: September 6, 2018

ATTENDEES

Commission: Executive Director Heather Holt, Deputy Executive Director David Tristan

Budget Advocates: Liz Amsden, Carol Newman

What if you had a way to ensure the government of Los Angeles is working for you and you can hold its officials and actions accountable?

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Budget Advocates support the following requests of the Commission:

- Fully funding 3 education positions including all ancillary costs
- Fully funding 2 project assistants to handle entry level audit and investigative duties as well as helping with clerical responsibilities
- Fully funding 1 additional auditor including all ancillary costs
- Funding to promote key personnel in order to retain their services and institutional knowledge
- Increasing the Department's overhead budget to \$60,000

In addition, the Budget Advocates strongly recommend that the City take the following measures to enhance the Commission's budget and its ability to enforce its mandate:

- Through ordinance or Charter Amendment, making the changes necessary to allocate sufficient funds from the Matching Funds Trust Fund to cover administrative costs so that ongoing audits, claims and other staff obligations can be maintained during election periods
- Requiring every Council District to set up and maintain a page on their websites clearly showing detail of all monies received and expended in connection with the Councilmembers' discretionary funds, to increase transparency and aid the City Attorney and Commission in addressing inappropriate uses, if any
- Charging back costs of investigation, litigation and settlements to the departments and Council Districts involved, as an incentive to improve their internal oversight
- Setting appropriate penalties to ensure all departments report malfeasance to the Ethics Commission and City Attorney upon discovery, rather than waiting on internal investigation

DISCUSSION

The mandate of the Ethics Commission is to preserve the public trust by promoting elections and government decisions that are fair, transparent and accountable... to shape, administer, and enforce laws regarding governmental ethics, conflicts of interests, campaign financing and lobbying.

After wrongdoings and conflicts of interest by Los Angeles elected officials in the 1980s, City voters approved Charter Amendment H in 1990, embodied in Sections 470, 471, and 700-712 of the City Charter, creating the Ethics Commission to oversee governmental ethics, campaign financing and lobbying in the City of Los Angeles. As part of the most comprehensive package of local governmental ethics in the country, the Commission's goals are transparency, integrity, impartiality and accountability. The current leadership is emphasizing education and outreach in order to reach stakeholders, including City employees, those campaigning for City or LAUSD office, contractors, sub-contractors, lobbyists, Neighborhood Councils and others.

In addition, the Ethics Commission oversees and regulates the City of Los Angeles Matching Funds Trust Fund. The matching funds program first became effective with the 1993 elections, and is currently under review with the intent of considerably expanding the program. The Trust Fund now stands at over \$16 million, so, even with the proposed changes, it is anticipated the fund will remain fiscally sustainable at least through 2026.

Overview

The Ethics website at <https://ethics.lacity.org/> is a window to transparency in Los Angeles and a door to accountability.

The Commission has three separate but related areas of jurisdiction: campaign finance, lobbying, and governmental ethics. All three need sufficient funds to educate, advise, process disclosure statements, audit, investigate, and provide the appropriate evidence to enforce on a timely basis to provide strong deterrents to scofflaws.

Publicizing Punishment

Those being investigated quite rightly have privacy rights until claims are verified, at which point the Commission needs to expand the breadth of their press releases, publicizing the punishment of those who break laws and regulations, which is the best deterrent to others. Furthermore, wide publicity increases everyone's awareness that everybody, City employees and stakeholders alike, all are personally obligated to color within the lines themselves.

Unfortunately, this also means personnel, individuals and companies will use all possible means to draw out proceedings to avoid the fiscal impact – not only with fines but also in personal credibility and the ability to find future work.

Not only have the Ethics Commissioners worked to deter violations through increased fines by starting with the highest amount allowable, but they are also expediting prosecution by reducing penalties for early settlements. To further promote compliance, the Commission now has a Strategic Communications Division dedicated to educating the public and stakeholders.

Their award-winning new website is now up and a great source of information on all things ethics-related. The public can use it to watchdog as much as they want, and the Commission feels the best scenarios are when the public keeps them on their toes. Whistleblowers can report online or call (800) 824-4825.

Justifying the Recommendations

The education of ALL City employees and vendors *including subcontractors* so they are aware of the parameters, as well as Neighborhood Councils, anyone working with funds and donations, people running for office, Departments, all people involved with campaigns and elections as well as City personnel, both increases awareness of what constitutes inappropriate behavior throughout the system and also gives people the tools to ask about proprieties and to file complaints easily and anonymously. The Strategic Communications Division is dedicated to educating the public and stakeholders. Citizen and staff input is essential in helping the department unearth and address wrongdoing.

Over the years, more and more people have reached out to the Ethics staff to determine what they can and can't do, forestalling potential problems and saving them and the City money. The Commission's ability to move forward on certain legal proceedings against alleged violators can be delayed when criminal law enforcement agencies take control of a case.

Because there are such diverse concerns within the City, the Commission needs to be proactive and provide in-person trainings with individual departments to address their specific questions, individualize responses, demonstrate how ethics mandates relate to their work, and find creative solutions, especially in the proprietary departments and where staff has no access to computerized training. For these reasons, among others, the Commission needs additional staff to provide education.

Finally, the Commission itself takes great concern to ensure rulings are fully equitable. For instance, if developer donations are banned, should that ban also apply to other persons involved with development projects as well as some of the groups opposing them, who will now gain greater influence? How should special interest groups, such as those for and against AirBnB or bike lanes, be treated? The Commission's judicious consideration of these issues should not be taken for reluctance to deal with them. Among other things, the Commission must consider:

- (a) Will requirements create a ripple effect and further delay already slow processes in the Planning and Building and Safety Departments creating unanticipated negative outcomes?
- (b) What about free speech? When does the protection of individuals and entities curtail the free speech rights of others?
- (c) How can amendments be couched to obtain the needed approval of the City Attorney, City Council and Mayor to change the City Charter?

Given that its workload varies due to many factors, the Department has relied on short-term hires, but in the long term any savings from such hires is significantly offset by the loss of good people, the need to hire more and their training, not to mention the time all this takes away from full-time staff obligations.

There is such specialized work that nearly every hire needs significant training in one or more areas. This has even more impact when more senior people need to be replaced due to retirement, promotion, or being poached by another Department or company that offers better pay. Therefore, it is essential that steps are taken to retain and promote (into both new and

existing positions) the qualified people currently on staff. Given the importance of their work, all efforts need to be made to keep existing staff and make sure the pay competes with other employers. For instance, the Fire Department pays their internal investigators up to \$30,000 per year more than those working for the Commission.

As the 2020 elections approach where City candidates will compete with those at the County, State and Federal level as well as with propositions and County measures, the Commission has a legitimate concern that limiting contributions may lead to unintended results, as City candidates and issues may take a back seat to broader issues, and inadvertent ethical violations may occur. The 2022 election bodes to be even more expensive as all current Citywide elected officials and several current councilmembers will be termed out, which usually means a much larger field of candidates.

The Matching Funds Trust Fund provides monies for candidates but, although it requires considerable administration and significant education by the Ethics Commission, none of it can be allocated for anything other than eligible political campaigns. This can be debilitating for the Department (more so if access to Trust Funds is expanded), taking time away from audits and delaying claims. The Ethics Commission should be allocated funds from this Trust Fund to use for the Trust Fund's administration.

Furthermore, with impending replacement elections sure to attract multiple candidates, the Department needs at least one additional auditor to ensure audits are expeditiously completed following elections.

Finally, when City employees face charges and use all avenues available to avoid appropriate discipline, it can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. The City should institute a policy holding individual Departments fiscally accountable for employee derelictions to incentivize better internal controls, and requiring them to reimburse the Ethics Commission's costs and the General Fund for any liability payments. Great care should be taken that these monies come from areas that won't affect services to the public but will hurt the offenders enough for them to take the necessary steps that it won't happen again. City Departments are generally not held accountable for their employees' transgressions, and this must be changed.

And, in all cases, if individuals are responsible then they should be held personally responsible, and not be allowed to hide behind the façade of the Department or worse yet, avoid any accountability.

Number crunching

All of the Ethics Commission's funding comes from the General Fund. Their operating budget for FY 2018-19 is \$3,286,647; of that almost \$3 million is salaries, with slightly under \$300,000 in 'contractual services' and a little under \$40,000 for office and administration. As with most City departments, monies for pensions, retirement, health coverage, utilities and building costs are listed separately, in this case almost \$1.8 million. Even though huge, this last figure is microscopic when compared to the equivalent figure for the Police and Fire Dept. benefits which exceeds \$1 billion.

Over 85% of the ‘contractual services’ each year, \$250 thousand, is designated solely for an outside prosecutor in the event there might be a conflict of interest in using City attorneys. However, these monies have rarely been tapped – only a total of \$16,000 over the past 25 years. Since this amount is designated as Ethics monies, rather than being sucked back into the General Fund, these funds should be rolled forward (i.e. a year after they are budgeted) for use in educational purposes, specifically for people considering running for office, potential staff, lobbying firms, and issue-specific groups.

The Commission regulates tens of thousands of persons, including elected officials, employees, lobbyists, candidates, contractors and others. Ethics staff process over 15,000 disclosure filings and assist with over 20,000 compliance contacts each year, numbers that continue to increase. Only the State of California’s Fair Political Practices Commission, which administers the State’s Political Reform Act regulating campaign financing, conflicts of interest, lobbying, and governmental ethics, does more than the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission (think of all those propositions and PAC donations), but their budget is almost three times greater with over three times the staff.

CONCLUSION

So why should the City Council allocate more funds to the Ethics Commission?

It’s an investment: Done properly, the Commission will save the City significant money by making examples of scofflaws and by educating all parties on correct procedures and regulations up front.

It builds trust in our elected officials: Dating back to before the establishment of the Ethics Commission, the people of Los Angeles have mistrusted those on the City Council. The more the Commission can do to reverse this trend, the more confidence stakeholders will have in those in office and those who do their bidding.

The potential exists to further curtail abuse of power by holding both the responsible Departments and individuals within them personally accountable: Increasingly, the public has voiced concerns about ethical improprieties, real or perceived, by the elected officials and City employees and influence peddling by developers and other lobbyists --all impacting decisions that affect stakeholders’ quality of life. These do not happen in a vacuum. Departments set policy and oversight procedures; people make decisions or look the other way. Real change depends on moving toward an environment of openness and accountability, and this can only be achieved by turning the spotlight on the guilty and having effective and public deterrents to set an example to deter perpetrators and educate everyone else.

This includes ensuring that fines and punishment target those actually responsible. Justice should be swift and sure. Only when Departments (or companies) are proven complicit should the City (or company) pay, and then it should be a Department cost from THEIR funds and out of budgets that do NOT affect services to stakeholders (or to customers).

Educating people at all levels on ethics laws and encouraging participation in oversight through the website should be a priority moving forward. When decisions are made with knowledge of parameters, there is far less incentive to step outside laws and regulations. And even when actions are not technically illegal, the appearance of malfeasance can have a significant impact. The City cannot risk losing the trust of the electorate.

Communication from Public

Name: John Grant
Date Submitted: 05/03/2019 11:57 AM
Council File No: 19-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please see the attached letter regarding Local 770 and UCBA's Support for DCR and Cannabis Enforcement (FY 19-20).

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May 3, 2019

Via Email Only

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Dear Mayor Garcetti and members of the City Council Budget and Finance Committee:

We commend the City Council and Mayor for responding to the will of voters and communities throughout Los Angeles in setting forward a broad vision of a well-regulated cannabis market that prioritizes social equity. This year's budget represents a crucial "make or break" moment for a regulated, equitable cannabis industry.

United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 770 represents hundreds of cannabis workers in the City of Los Angeles, as well as more than 31,000 workers in healthcare, retail health, grocery, packing and cannabis. The United Cannabis Business Association is the largest and most active trade association for legal cannabis business operators in Los Angeles. Our current and future cannabis workers are looking to the City for a regulated market and equitable pathways to opportunity. Our members and community allies belong to neighborhoods that were hard hit by the war on drugs and looking to the City for a regulated industry and reinvestment to repair the decades of the punitive war on drugs.

The Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) has been working overtime, with a small but dedicated staff, to enact the vision set forward in Proposition 64 (2016) and the 2017 city regulations that enshrined one of the nation's first social equity programs. In numerous public reports, DCR has been realistic about the fact that they have been minimally resourced for such a large and profound mission. Even so, they have done more than could ever be expected, and have set forward ambitious plans to move LA forward in 2019-2020.

UFCW 770, UCBA, and many community allies have continually come forward to ask for genuine resourcing. Now is our chance to meet the needs DCR has outlined so they can fulfill their mission - and LA can live up to its promise as a model of equity with a thriving industry.

UNION LOCAL

If DCR continues to be hamstrung, so too will legitimate unionized cannabis employers who want to play by the rules. If DCR continues to lack real resources, so too will the future small business owners from low-income, hard-hit communities that the social equity program was meant to benefit. Perhaps most invisible are thousands of employees in both current shops that respect labor rights and future social equity businesses whose livelihoods are on the line. They, too, are often from social equity communities and look to cannabis for a high-road job and professional pathways. Their neighbors, families and communities will benefit when we wholly invest in a regulated market.

To serve businesses, workers and hard-hit communities who want a well-regulated market, we need a fully-funded and well-staffed Department of Cannabis Regulation. Cannabis tax funds should go first and foremost to run the department that makes these resources possible, and to repair the harms of the war on drugs. DCR knows best how to implement robust pathways to licensing and to enforce current regulation without criminalization, and it's time to listen.

We need to support funding for other city departments that are working in collaboration with DCR to regulate the cannabis industry and to eliminate the illicit market that is hurting workers and our communities. The LA Fire Department (LAFD) is essential for executing compliance and inspection departments, the Bureau of Contract Administration (BCA) ensures that employers are complying with local and state laws regulating wages and employment, and the LA Department of Water and Power (LADWP) are critical for ongoing measures to shut off utilities and impose civil penalties on landlords leasing to illegal shops.

Further, this letter calls on the City to increase its commitment to funding DCR and enforcement against unlicensed, illegal operators. We believe that expenditures related to enforcement matters will generate revenues by increasing taxes from legal operators and protect and create good paying jobs. We recommend increases in funding for enforcement by LAPD, opportunities for additional state resources and expanded funding to support the Los Angeles Fire Department's inspection program as outlined below.

1. **Business, Licensing, and Compliance (BLC) Program: \$3 million annually for three years.** The 2019-20 Proposed Budget includes a new General Fund appropriation of \$1.5 million to support the BLC Program. (As outlined in the department's letter, dated April 23, 2019)
2. **Cannabis Enforcement Resources (LAPD - \$10 Million):** We support an additional Ten Million dollars for investigating and enforcing laws against illegal cannabis businesses, but request specific allocations within LAPD that are dedicated to solely to cannabis enforcement and the City's efforts to disconnect power and fine property owners. This request would ensure that overtime allocations are not spent on other priorities that may occur during the fiscal year.

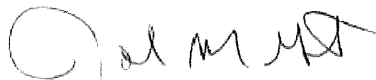
3. **State Resources for Cannabis Enforcement (State of California - \$10 Million):** We urge the City to continue to find available funding opportunities for cannabis enforcement that may exist with the State. Additionally, we would support the City seeking grant funding from the Attorney General's office specifically for cannabis enforcement.

4. **Cannabis Enforcement Program Expenses (Los Angeles Fire Department - \$444,650):** The LAFD has requested additional resources in their budget letter to this committee specifically for expenses related to vehicles, inspection field equipment and mobile devices for their inspections of the 1,2000 illegal cannabis operations in the City.

The nation is watching. What we do in Los Angeles when it comes to cannabis sets the tone for the rest of the cities in the county - and across the US. Other cities are referencing both the shortcomings and successes of the City of LA's regulation and equity program, which is the largest and most ambitious in the US. Let's have them focus on the successes for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration,

UFCW LOCAL 770



John M. Grant, President

UNITED CANNABIS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION



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cc: Miguel Sagalang, Deputy Mayor for Budget and Innovation
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Richard Llewellyn, City Administrative Officer
Sharon Tso, Chief Legislative Analyst

Communication from Public

Name: Fanny Guzman
Date Submitted: 05/03/2019 01:43 PM
Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I will be echoing some of my colleagues and quoting some iconic revolutionary figures. the masses are poor, the masses belong to what you call the lower class, and when we talk about the masses, were talking about the white masses, were talking about the black masses, and the brown masses, and the yellow masses, too. We will not fight racism with racism. We're gonna fight racism with solidarity! Racism is just a tool used by Capitalists to divide and conquer. We are here in solidarity with all our brothers and sisters to be each other's keeper! Any program that's brought into our community should be analyzed by the people of that community. It should be analyzed to see that it meets the relevant needs of our communities. the social equity component of Measure M provides a vehicle for those in the community wishing to be a part of the economic side of the cannabis industry. But there are community members and areas ravaged by the "war on drugs" who have no interest in the business and still they are entitled to justice! i.e. A mother in Boyle Heights would love to see "Parenting Classes on How to Discuss Drugs (all drugs) with their Kids." It's unconscionable to proceed without having an adequate funded program. How can such program be implemented without proper resources? Why should we keep begging the city to reinvest into OUR communities? The following are urgently important and pressing questions we'd like answers on:

- When will the City put the cannabis revenue into fulfilling the promises made in Measure M regarding social equity AND SOCIAL JUSTICE??
- When will the City incorporate the people in the spending decision making as contemplated under Measure M, which passed with 81% approval? Measure M was passed mandating quarterly reports on cannabis tax revenue from the Office of Finance. Has anybody receive their report for 2019 Q1 (Jan. - Mar.)? It's already May 2. It's our understanding that the Mayor & Budget Chair can request revenue projections from the controller any day of the year Be true to what's on paper!

Communication from Public

Name: KAREN DAVIS

Date Submitted: 05/03/2019 02:27 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Karen Davis, release the money so we can create wealth in our family. Please No more Delays.....Ash'e I am a social equity applicant

Communication from Public

Name: Oscar Aguayo

Date Submitted: 05/03/2019 02:32 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My my question to our council members where did 41 million dollars go. Also, We urge the city to fully fund DCR's Budget request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, and we support DCR's ask for an additional \$2.5 millions dollars in funding

Communication from Public

Name: Nick Pacheco

Date Submitted: 05/03/2019 03:11 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The Controller projects \$41 million in cannabis tax revenue, yet, I am unable to locate in the released 2019-2020 Proposed Budget documents how this money will be spent to implement the mandates of Measure M. Also, the 2018-2019 fiscal year cannabis revenue projections, according to the Controller, were exceeded by \$23 million. Where can I obtain the information outlining where this money was spent? \$64 million dollars is unaccounted for and this money could be used to establish a low interest loan program for Social Equity licensees or to fund a fee deferment program. Measure M mandates the Office of Finance to generate quarterly reports of the cannabis tax revenue. When will the Budget committee host public meetings with the community to set priorities for spending this cannabis revenue?

Communication from Public

Name: TreePeople
Date Submitted: 05/01/2019 09:46 AM
Council File No: 19-0600
Comments for Public Posting:



PEOPLE NEED HEALTHY TREES NOW SUPPORT URBAN FORESTS

L.A.'s URBAN TREE CRISIS

The City of Los Angeles is facing an Urban Tree Crisis due to climate change, droughts, extreme heat, emerging pests and diseases, and development, which can significantly impact Angelenos' everyday lives as well as health and well-being.

From 2000 to 2009, about one-third of the existing green cover (trees/shrubs and grass) of each single-family residential lot is lost during the average home expansion in the Los Angeles Basin. In particular, tree cover has decreased 9.6% across Los Angeles County (Lee et al., 2017). There are weak or rarely enforced tree protection policies on private lands, allowing for tree removals when we need to grow the canopy to increase the overall benefits it delivers.

SUPPORT PRIORITY BUDGETARY ITEMS

Recommended items include the following in the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget:

- \$3 Million - Professional Street Tree inventory conducted by Certified Arborists
- \$400,000 (minimum) - Urban Forest Management Plan
- \$35,000 to \$250,000 - Tree Management Software; initial cost with ongoing annual licensing fees
- \$100,000 - Financing Study
- Public Education; the City needs to develop goals and scope to determine the budget immediately

For more information visit
www.treepeople.org/urbanforest

TREEPEOPLE MOBILIZED THE COMMUNITY

To garner support for the urgent need of a city-wide Urban Forest Management Plan and sufficient funding, TreePeople launched a petition.

TreePeople found that most citizens agree that the City's urban forest needs effective management, dedicated funding, comprehensive and effective tree planting, and ongoing maintenance.

Together we strongly believe that trees in cities are essential infrastructure to protect, support, and sustain our daily life ranging from providing shade, water, and food to enhancing human health and well-being, community cohesion, and economic growth. Therefore, we encourage you to SUPPORT URBAN FORESTS!

1,072 E-PETITION SIGNATURES

- Over 1K people signed TreePeople's petition
- Almost 20% of the signatures were residents of the City of Los Angeles
- They ALL demand an Urban Forest Management Plan

"People live in cities. People in cities need trees!"

Deena R. - L.A. City Resident and Tree Lover

"Healthy trees are vital to the survival of our planet!"

Ellen C. - L.A. City Voter and Activist

TREEPEOPLE'S POLICY TEAM

Over the past 45 years, TreePeople and its Policy Team have played a leading role in demonstrating that it is technologically, socially, and environmentally feasible to use green infrastructure to transform our neighborhoods to be healthy and resilient. Based on our mission, TreePeople's Policy team works to:

- Inspire - individuals, organizations, and elected officials to advocate for the environment, which is under threat from climate change
- Engage - people to understand the multiple benefits of an urban forest by sharing with them nature-based solutions, policies, and research studies by TreePeople and/or developed with partners/other cities, and highlight the successes of these programs which can be applied in our own City and communities
- Support - policies, programs, and partners which help to improve our City's urban tree canopy
- Share - our own success stories with the world



Communication from Public

Name: Bill Watkins

Date Submitted: 05/02/2019 12:39 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: 1. It's hard to trust managers of public money, who take so much of it personally. City Council members make \$178,000/yr, the mayor \$232,000, the LAPD chief around \$300K. Meanwhile, our communities suffer. 2. Define terms: is camping "homeless?" I think there is a difference there; right of ways and law should be upheld, all camping moved to designated areas. 3. Zoo should be privatized. Right now, it stands to garner more budget than Animal Services. This is wrong; our government should get out of the Zoo business, focus on safety and infrastructure. 4. Neighborhood Empowerment should be scrutinized for bureaucratic waste. With its \$5.1 million we could have about 224 fulltime minimum wage workers cleaning and securing our sidewalks. 16 per council district. Perhaps having one good government is better than many amateur ones fighting over 40K, supervised by NE staff at 50/60K! 5. Cultural Affairs: I love art, but all of this department should divert to neighborhood cleaning and maintenance. Art should not be publicly funded while our STORM DRAINS ARE CLOGGED. First things first!

“CLEAN L.A.” PROPOSAL



PROPOSAL SUMMARY:

That the L.A. City Budget reserve up to \$20,000,000 to employ up to 1000 Pedestrian Street Cleaners to be deployed every day to clean our sidewalks, parks, roads, gutters and storm drains; and to be a first line of defense against city problems, communicate them to proper agencies.

PROBLEM:

TRASH and LITTER plague our city.

At the same time, “Homelessness” is called a plague by many.

There are no current city jobs available on City Personnel webpage that a homeless or formerly homeless person can realistically get.

Public Works positions are car/truck based, and often respond to calls, instead of pro-active pedestrian surveys which could detect problems on the ground.

SOLUTION:

I propose a fix to both by Creating a Job to be listed on City Personnel webpage, that even Homeless or formerly homeless people can aspire to get.

A simple, but Needed job to CLEAN our city, from cigarette butts and trash, to major dumping.

Pedestrian Street Cleaners could be equipped with cleaning tools. But also communication device(s) to report problems.

They could be a dynamic, helpful first line of defense against problems that ail our city streets/sidewalks/parks.

COST:

\$19,200/year per Pedestrian Street Cleaner Hired. (\$10/Hour, 40hrs/week)

Goal of 1000 Pedestrian Street Cleaners proposed:

\$19,200,000/year. (\$19,200x1000)

Of course, a Trial of hiring 50-100 Pedestrian Street Cleaners to test the viability of this Program would bring initial cost down to:

\$960,000 to \$1,960,000/year — (\$19,200x50 to \$19,200x100)

ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT:

Environment Groups
Homeless Activists/Homeless people
Formerly Homeless People
Resume-challenged Unemployed
Any Organization Dedicated to Beautification of Los Angeles

Key Legislators (Policy/Fiscal Committee Chairs, Etc.)

Huizar, Buscaino, Martinez, Cedillo, Blumenfield
Job Creation Ad-Hoc Committee
Budget Committee – Koretz, Krekorian, Englander

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT.

**Everyone wins with Clean sidewalks, streets, Gutters, and DRAINS.*

*Clean is SAFE

*Pedestrian Cleaners could help the Community in many ways, including being a first line to report Problems to appropriate city agencies.

*Clean is Healthy.

*Low-level jobs can help the Homeless help us/help themselves!

ORGANIZATIONAL OPPOSITION.

None, unless someone can argue that funding a Zoo, Arts/Culture, non-emergency healthcare, and exorbitant city official wages/retirement benefits is more important than having a CLEAN city, maintained and cared for by hard-working, high impact pedestrians Every Day.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

I am a formerly homeless alcoholic who loves to clean, dreams to live in a clean place.

I am unemployed, highly educated, but can never find anything on City Personnel job posting page that fits.

Then I walk our sidewalks and see disgusting trash/litter/dumping in every direction.

This proposal is from Common Sense and simple observing of an obvious problem.

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Communication from Public

Name: John VanTongeren

Date Submitted: 05/14/2019 05:21 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Krekorian and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee, As a resident of the wild Studio City hills, home for many creatures, I urge you to to fund wildlife corridors before it is too late! As you know, a large percentage of our natural wildlife habitat was lost in last year's fires, along with a great number of wild animals. In order for wildlife to survive in Los Angeles, habitat connectivity must be a top priority for our city. These animals are irreplaceable. We need to fund the wildlife corridor ordinance and hire a biodiversity expert now. The United Nations warned this week that 1 million species will become extinct if we, the most reckless of all species, refuse to act. This is an unfathomable and stunning proposition. YOU can do something now. Begin at home and provide the means for these wild animals to survive. Protect wildlife diversity by supplying the necessary funding for wildlife corridors and experts who can help to ensure survival for these precious, native Angelenos. It is a miracle to have wildlife and wilderness in the middle of the City of Los Angeles. We must not lose it forever. Please make this a top priority. Sincerely, John Van Tongeren 12248 Viewcrest Rd Studio City, Ca. 91604 Your Name Address

Communication from Public

Name: Ron Bitzer
Date Submitted: 05/14/2019 05:25 PM
Council File No: 19-0600
Comments for Public Posting: See attachment re Department of Recreation and Parks

Los Angeles City Council
Budget and Finance Committee
City Hall

May 16, 2019 Hearing
Budget Proposal 2019-2020 - Council File 19-0600

Public Comment Statement of Ron Bitzer
Resources Needed to Address Safety at Parks

As a resident of North Hollywood, I ask Councilmembers representing City parks in the San Fernando Valley to reconsider the May 7, 2019 budget memo of the Department of Recreation and Parks (attached) entitled *Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget Impact Question No. 379* ---*Resources Needed to Address Safety at Parks*.

New funding to repair and upgrade parks, protect open space and support recreational programs --- namely County Measure A approved for taxpayer funding in November 2016 --- has been notably cited as an important, but not sole, source of funding for park safety by the General Manager in this memo. He states, "The FY 2019-20 Measure A Expenditure Plan provides for lighting improvements for the parks listed in the plan funding for the remaining parks has not been identified" (Emphasis added).

Councilmember Paul Krekorian and committee members have recommended "No Action" on this park safety request in the 2019-20 budget proposed thus far for The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP).

Reconsideration of this "No Action" decision is appropriate because of several high profile factors affecting park safety in the San Fernando Valley.

1. Criminal behavior and threats of criminal behavior persist in North Hollywood city parks and environs. Since the December 17, 2018 homicide in the parking lot of Valley Plaza Recreation Center, RAP has cancelled an annual community fair and fund raising event reported to be caused by gang activity in the Vanowen Street area.
2. County Measure A funding has been projected to raise \$22.4 million annually for RAP (May 2018 RAP draft motion); the County asserts its own priorities in evaluating some governmental requests increasing on March 5, 2019, for example, the annual allocation of Measure A dollars to 30% (up from 25%) to "high" and "very high" need geographical study areas. Two-thirds of the City study areas (28 of 43) are "high" or "very high" need parks and recreational areas, including North Hollywood (Area 94 is "very high" need).

Both the May 7th RAP budget memo and the vote of the County Board of Supervisors to fund park equity issues -- of which public safety is one -- support this request.

3. City cost recovery allows the City to "charge back" millions of dollars from what otherwise would reported to be an additional \$81 million in the 2019-20 RAP budget. If full funding and termination of cost recovery -- not a new idea -- is not feasible, then priorities must be assigned in the proposed budget with park safety at the top of the list.
4. Budget Advocates of the Neighborhood Councils --- Following an October 30, 2018, meeting with the RAP General Manager, Budget Advocate Noel Williams said, "It is critical that City leaders place the budgetary needs of the Department of Recreation and Parks at the highest level of priority because the wellness of the people of our City is of the utmost importance."
5. Measure A Outreach Requirement for Linguistically-Isolated Communities --- The City of Los Angeles --- by communicating with North Hollywood residents in Spanish --- will satisfy the Tier 1 requirement of the County for Measure A grant requests in North Hollywood (see attached Language Access Requirement).

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May 7, 2019

Honorable Paul Krekorian, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee
City Clerk, City Hall Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

ATTN: Andrew Choi, Legislative Assistant

**RE: FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 BUDGET IMPACT QUESTION NO. 379 – RESOURCES
NEEDED TO ADDRESS SAFETY AT PARKS**

Dear Councilmember Krekorian:

The Department of Recreation and Parks has been implementing various infrastructure improvements to parks where funding is available to improve safety conditions at parks. Improvements include electrical upgrades for sports field and security lighting, conversion of existing lighting to LED lighting and installation of security cameras. The Department has also installed security fencing at some City parks. Although these measures provide some solutions, it is not necessarily a City-wide solution. It has been the Department's practice to evaluate the conditions for each park, consult with Los Angeles Police Department for their input, and determine the safety needs for each park.

Potential funding for these improvements are grants funds that allow for these scopes of work, Measure A, and available Quimby/Park Fees in the area. The FY 2019-20 Measure A Expenditure Plan provides for lighting improvements for the parks listed in the plan. Although funding for the remaining parks has not been identified, the Department continues to seek possible grant opportunities.

Lighting our parks is a major priority as we press to increase participation in our recreational programs. Prop 68, measures A, Quimby/Park Fees and partnerships with the Department of Water and Power all offer positive steps toward this effort.



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May 7, 2019
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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (213) 202-2633.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Shull". The signature is fluid and cursive.

MICHAEL A. SHULL
General Manager

MAS:ndw

cc: Barbara Romero, Deputy Mayor, Office of the Mayor
Zachia Nazarzai, Office of the Mayor
Terry Sauer, Office of the City Administrative Officer
Jay Shin, Office of the City Administrative Officer
Anthony-Paul (AP) Diaz, Esq., Executive Officer & Chief of Staff, RAP
Ramon Barajas, Assistant General Manager, RAP
Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, RAP
Sophia Pina-Cortez, Assistant General Manager, RAP
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, RAP




Language Access Requirements

When conducting community outreach and engagements, cultural and language sensitivities must be considered to encourage participation from groups that typically face barriers and are less likely to participate in public process collaborations.

To ensure truly inclusive practices, all outreach and engagement conducted for Measure A-funded projects must adhere to the language access requirements described in the table below.

The table below identifies the required levels of translation and interpretation services required based on the percentage of linguistically isolated populations speaking a given language within a given Study Area.

Tier	Definition	Requirement
 Tier 1	15% or more of the population is linguistically isolated for any given language	Workshops and any in-person meetings must provide consecutive or simultaneous interpretation services. In addition, all written materials must be translated, including outreach materials, signage, agendas, and all other printed meeting materials.
Tier 2	5–14.9% of the population is linguistically isolated for any given language	Key written materials must be translated, including all printed meeting materials and at least one form of outreach. Workshops and any in-person meetings must provide consecutive or simultaneous interpretation services only if a specific request is received.
Tier 3	1–4.9% of the population is linguistically isolated for any given language	It is recommended (but not required) that outreach materials and printed meeting materials be translated.

Linguistically isolated populations are those that speak English "less than very well," as reported in the U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) Table B16001 "Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English for the Population 5 Years and Over."

Refer to the table on the following pages to determine which languages are spoken by linguistically isolated populations in your Study Area(s), and which requirements apply.

**Measure A Language Access Requirements:
Isolated Languages by Study Area and Tier**

ID	Study Area Name	TIER 1: Language(s) with Isolation of 15% or greater	TIER 2: Language(s) with Isolation of 5 to 14.99%	TIER 3: Language(s) with Isolation of 1 - 4.99%
130	City of LA Mission Hills - Panorama City - North Hills	Spanish		Armenian; Tagalog
94	City of LA North Hollywood - Valley Village	Spanish		Russian; Armenian
183	City of LA Northeast Los Angeles - North	Spanish		Chinese; Tagalog
177	City of LA Northeast Los Angeles - South	Spanish	Chinese	
60	City of LA Northridge		Spanish	Chinese; Korean
105	City of LA Palms - Mar Vista - Del Rey		Spanish	Chinese
27	City of La Puente	Spanish		Chinese; Tagalog
95	City of LA Reseda - West Van Nuys	Spanish		Armenian; Persian; Vietnamese; Tagalog
185	City of LA San Pedro / City of LA Port of Los Angeles / Unincorporated La Rambla		Spanish	
84	City of LA Sherman Oaks - Studio City - Toluca Lake - Cahuenga Pass / Unin. Universal City			Spanish; Russian
138	City of LA Silver Lake - Echo Park - Elysian Valley	Spanish		Chinese; Tagalog
119	City of LA South Los Angeles	Spanish		
163	City of LA Southeast Los Angeles	Spanish		
169	City of LA Southeast Los Angeles - North	Spanish		
120	City of LA Sun Valley - La Tuna Canyon	Spanish		Armenian; Tagalog
139	City of LA Sunland - Tujunga - Lake View Terrace - Shadow Hills		Spanish; Armenian	Korean
96	City of LA Sylmar	Spanish		
61	City of LA Valley Glen - North Sherman Oaks	Spanish		Russian; Armenian
44	City of LA Van Nuys - North Sherman Oaks	Spanish		Armenian
106	City of LA Venice			Spanish
159	City of La Verne / Unincorporated La Verne/ Unincorporated Claremont			Spanish; Chinese
107	City of LA West Adams	Spanish		Korean
146	City of LA West Hills - Woodland Hills / Unin.Canoga Park - West Hills			Spanish; Persian
85	City of LA West Los Angeles			Spanish; Persian; Chinese
67	City of LA Westchester - Playa del Rey / City of LA Los Angeles International Airport			Spanish
147	City of LA Westlake	Spanish	Korean	Tagalog
45	City of LA Westwood / Unincorporated Sawtelle VA Center			Persian; Chinese; Korean
121	City of LA Wilmington - Harbor City / City of LA Port of Los Angeles	Spanish		Korean
68	City of LA Wilshire - Koreatown	Spanish; Korean		Tagalog

Communication from Public

Name: Michele

Date Submitted: 05/14/2019 06:34 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Baio

Date Submitted: 05/14/2019 07:19 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Robin Barris

Date Submitted: 05/14/2019 08:27 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Krekorian and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee, As a voter and a resident of the wild Sherman Oaks/Studio City hills, home for many creatures, I urge you to fund our wildlife corridors before it is too late! As you know, a large percentage of our natural wildlife habitat was lost in last year's fires, along with a great number of wild animals. In order for wildlife to survive in Los Angeles, habitat connectivity must be a top priority for our city. These animals are irreplaceable. We need to fund the wildlife corridor ordinance and hire a biodiversity expert now. The United Nations warned this week that 1 million species will become extinct if we, the most reckless of all species, refuse to act. This is an unfathomable and stunning proposition. YOU can do something now. Begin at home and provide the means for these wild animals to survive. Protect wildlife diversity by supplying the necessary funding for wildlife corridors and experts who can help to ensure survival for these precious, native Angelenos. It is a miracle to have wildlife and wilderness in the middle of the City of Los Angeles. We must not lose it forever. Please make this a top priority. Sincerely, Robin Barris Robin Barris

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Name: Steven Baio

Date Submitted: 05/14/2019 10:00 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: J Rothman
Date Submitted: 05/14/2019 11:00 AM
Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Krekorian and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee, As a constituent in your district I urge you to fund wildlife corridors before it is too late. As you know, a large percentage of our natural wildlife habitat was lost in last year's fires, along with a great number of wild animals. In order for wildlife to survive in Los Angeles, habitat connectivity must be a top priority for our city. These animals are irreplaceable. We need to fund the wildlife corridor ordinance and hire a biodiversity expert now. Los Angeles is a rare city in which we have such habitats amidst us, and it is your duty both as our representative and as a steward for the community and the planet on which we live to take action to protect this most precious habitat and wildlife. The United Nations recently warned that 1 million species will become extinct if we fail to take action. You have an opportunity to be a leader on this issue locally. Please stand up and allocate funds to protect wildlife diversity here in Los Angeles, by supplying the necessary funding for wildlife corridors and experts who can help to ensure survival for these precious, native species that live here in Los Angeles with us. Your choice today will have a far-reaching impact on what L.A. and the Earth look like in the future, and frankly the survival of entire species may rest in your hands. Please act to protect funding for these important habitats and wildlife corridors. Sincerely,
Jennifer Rothman CD2 Constituent

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle

Date Submitted: 05/14/2019 12:22 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Krekorian and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee, I live in the hills of Studio City and was drawn to our home dues to the quiet and wildlife that roams in our yard. I urge you to to fund wildlife corridors before it is too late! As you know, a large percentage of our natural wildlife habitat was lost in last year's fires, along with a great number of wild animals. In order for wildlife to survive in Los Angeles, habitat connectivity must be a top priority for our city. These animals are irreplaceable. We need to fund the wildlife corridor ordinance and hire a biodiversity expert now. The United Nations warned this week that 1 million species will become extinct if we, the most reckless of all species, refuse to act. This is an unfathomable and stunning proposition. PLEASE PROTECT and provide the means for these wild animals to survive. Protect wildlife diversity by supplying the necessary funding for wildlife corridors and experts who can help to ensure survival for these precious, native Angelenos. It is a miracle to have wildlife and wilderness in the middle of the City of Los Angeles. We must not lose it forever. Please make this a top priority. Sincerely, Michelle Allen 3620 Goodland Drive Studio City, CA 91604

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/14/2019 01:49 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Krekorian and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee, As a resident of the Santa Monica Mountain area in Sherman Oaks, I urge you to to fund wildlife corridors before it is too late! We must protect the natural wildlife habitat of the flora and fauna against the onslaught of airplanes from Burbank airport; from hazardous wildfires, and possible encroachment of other structures and developments into these areas. These trees provide vital oxygen in a world where carbon dioxide continues to increase at an ever alarming rate and climate change adversely affect us all. These animals are a vital part of the ecosystem and must be protected to continue to thrive. All types of birds nesting in our trees and chirping in the morning sunlight; owls hooting at night; wild rabbits who eat my jalapenos; ground squirrels my dog can chase but never catch; deer that walk along my swale; monarch butterflies migrating; lizards sunning themselves on the pavement...even the chipmunks, rats, skunks, racoons and coyotes have a home and role in this wildlife corridor. Many endangered species live in this corridor, including a number of frogs. Say YES to preserving, maintaining and improving this very important habitat, and the ability for all Los Angeles residents to experience as well. We need your support to fund our wildlife and natural habitat today, to ensure it will be there for the future...a future where we need clean air to survive and a safe haven for our wildlife. No-one wants to see animals caged in a zoo...not these animals, when we don't have to. You can help make a difference and let these animals continue to live, breed, flourish and save the planet from losing even more endangered species. Please fund our futures but supporting and funding the wildlife corridors. We need to act today! Thank You

Communication from Public

Name: Masami Fukuhara

Date Submitted: 05/14/2019 10:40 AM

Council File No: 19-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Lucie Ayres

Date Submitted: 05/14/2019 10:07 AM

Council File No: 19-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Kimberly L. Turner

Date Submitted: 05/14/2019 08:59 AM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Krekorian and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee, As a 31 year resident of the wild Studio City hills, home for many creatures, I urge you to to fund wildlife corridors before it is too late! As you know, a large percentage of our natural wildlife habitat was lost in last year's fires, along with a great number of wild animals. In order for wildlife to survive in Los Angeles, habitat connectivity must be a top priority for our city. These animals are irreplaceable. We need to fund the wildlife corridor ordinance and hire a biodiversity expert now. The United Nations warned this week that 1 million species will become extinct if we, the most reckless of all species, refuse to act. This is an unfathomable and stunning proposition. YOU can do something now. Begin at home, and provide the means for these wild animals to survive. Protect wildlife diversity by supplying the necessary funding for wildlife corridors and experts who can help to ensure survival for these precious, native Angelenos. It is a miracle to have wildlife and wilderness in the middle of the City of Los Angeles. We must not lose it forever. Please make this a top priority. Sincerely, Kimberly Turner 3637 Goodland Ave. Studio City, CA 91604

Communication from Public

Name: Budget

Date Submitted: 05/14/2019 06:51 AM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Krekorian and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee, As a Board member of Save Coldwater Canyon and a 26 year resident of the wild Studio City hills, home for many creatures, I urge you to to fund wildlife corridors before it is too late! As you know, a large percentage of our natural wildlife habitat was lost in last year's fires, along with a great number of wild animals. In order for wildlife to survive in Los Angeles, habitat connectivity must be a priority for our city. The wildlife are irreplaceable. We need to fund the wildlife corridor ordinance and hire a biodiversity expert now. The United Nations warned this week that 1 million species will become extinct if we, the most reckless of all species, refuse to act. This is an unfathomable, stunning proposition. YOU can do something now. Begin at home, and provide the means for these wild animals to survive. Protect wildlife diversity by supplying the necessary funding for wildlife corridors and experts who can help to ensure survival for these precious, native Angelenos. It is a miracle to have wildlife and wilderness in the middle of the City of Los Angeles. We must not lose it forever. Please make this a top priority. Sincerely, Suellen Wagner 12184 Laurel Terrace Dr. Studio City CA 91604

Communication from Public

Name: S Boyd

Date Submitted: 05/14/2019 08:36 AM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Krekorian and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee, I am a 12 year resident of the Studio City foothills, home for so much wildlife, not only run of the mill coyotes and deer, but also many threatened and declining species. I urge you to fund wildlife corridors before it is too late for these delicate creatures that we share Los Angeles with. In order for wildlife (in particular the non-flying kind) to survive in Los Angeles, habitat connectivity is essential. Wildlife corridors must be a top priority for our city. These animals are irreplaceable. Many of them need as large a connected habitat as possible for maximum health, breeding options, and genetic diversity - all of which ensures their survival. We need YOU to fund the wildlife corridor ordinance and hire a biodiversity expert now. Our City, with your help, can do something now. Protect wildlife diversity by supplying the necessary funding for wildlife corridors and experts who can help to ensure survival for these precious, native Angelenos. It is a blessing to have so much wildlife and wilderness in the middle of the City of Los Angeles. It is what makes our City great. Please do not lose sight of this when you make your budget decisions. Thank you, Sarah Boyd 12 yr Studio City resident, 19 yr CD2 constituent.

Communication from Public

Name: Nick Pacheco

Date Submitted: 05/16/2019 09:08 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: CAO Llewellyn and CLA Tso, Unless I've completely forgotten how to read City reports and budgets, I don't have a clue on how to explain that 75% of cannabis revenue is being spent on non-cannabis related priorities?? Is there a policy paper outlining how this is the best use of these resources? I committed to go over how the budget works and its handling of cannabis revenue to community members but the current spending priorities baffle me. CANNABIS REVENUE OVERVIEW: Only 4.08% of \$122.6M Dedicated to Community The period I reviewed was from Jan. 1, 2018 to Jun. 31, 2020. If the proposed budget is adopted the below breakdown is what I received from the data. Revenue amounts were provided by the Office of Finance and Controller's Office. Appropriation amounts were taken from adopted budgets (FY2017-2018 and FY2018-2019) and proposed budget (FY2019-2020) Is this breakdown correct? • Approximate revenue (FY2017:Q3 – FY2019:Q4) \$ 122,628,016.00 • DCR budget Appropriations (adopted and proposed) \$ 25,728,692.00 20.98% • Council Spring 2019: Social Equity and Community \$ 5,000,000.00 4.08% • Unappropriated Money Stays in General Fund \$ 91,899,324.00 74.94% I didn't have exact permit fee data for FY2017/18:Q3 & Q4 so I put \$5,000,000.00 (Controller projects FY18/19 \$12.6M & FY19/20 \$11.0M so I figured less than half of each year \$5.0 M was a good conservative number for budgeting purposes.) DATA SOURCES ATTACHED I included in this email the source of my information. The information provided by the Office of Finance and the Controller. The appropriation pages from the adopted budgets and the proposed budget. The only thing missing is the recent allocation of money to DCR totaling approximately \$5.0M. SOMEBODY, PLEASE SHOW ME WHERE I MADE A MISTAKE I would like to be proven wrong because I don't have the heart to go into a community room and tell community members that the promises made in Proposition M aren't being funded. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this matter. If I don't hear back from anybody I can only conclude that my calculations are accurate. Nick

Rich and Sharon,

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Cannabis Revenue (actual and projected) starting January 1, 2018

	2017/2018 FY	2018/2019 FY**	2019/2020 FY**	TOTAL INCOME
Fees*	\$5,000,000.00	Fees \$12,600,000.00	Fees \$11,000,000.00	\$28,600,000.00
Taxes	\$12,028,016.00	Taxes \$40,000,000.00	Taxes \$41,000,000.00	\$93,028,016.00
Sales	0	Sales 1,000,000.00	Sales \$0.00	\$1,000,000.00

IN	\$17,028,016	\$53,600,000	\$52,000,000	\$122,628,016 IN
OUT	\$1,493,244	\$5,447,866	\$18,787,582	\$25,728,692 OUT
			\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Gen Fund	\$15,534,772	\$48,152,134	\$28,212,418	\$91,899,324 Gen Fund

*estimated based on 18/19 & 19/20 Controller Projections

** Controller's office provided these projected revenues in an email.

2019 - 2020 Projected Cannabis Revenue of
represents
of Total General Fund Revenue

\$52,000,000
0.796%
\$6,530,101,160

Community investment:
represents
of Total Cannabis Revenue

\$5,000,000
4.08%
\$122,628,016

REVENUE SOURCE

FISCAL YEAR 2017/18	TOTAL: \$17,028,016.14
OFFICE OF FINANCE:	Taxes: \$12,028,016.14
GUESSTIMATE:	Fees: \$5,000,000.00*

*I chose \$5.0M since the Controller projected \$12.6M in Fees for FY 18/19 and \$11.0M in Fees for FY 19/20. About 50% of those amounts seemed close considering only the second half of FY 17/18 was in play.

FISCAL YEAR 2018/19	TOTAL: \$53,600,000.00
CONTROLLER PROJECTION:	Taxes: \$40,000,000.00
	Fees: \$12,600.00
	Sales Tax: \$1,000,000.00


FISCAL YEAR 2019/20	TOTAL: \$52,000,000.00
CONTROLLER PROJECTION:	Taxes: \$41,000,000.00
	Fees: \$11,000.00

From: Candice Arnold
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2019 11:26 AM
To: Honorable Nick Pacheco
Cc: Ian Thompson; latinos4cannabis@gmail.com; Cat Packer; Andrew Westall; Deron Williams; Claire Bartels
Subject: Fwd: Public Records Request: Cannabis Revenue Historic and Present

Good morning Sir,

Attached please find your requested information.

Have a great week,
Candice

	<p>Candice J. Arnold <i>Executive Administrative Assistant to Director of Finance / City Treasurer</i> Claire Bartels (213).978-1774 or (213).978-0243 Finance.lacity.org</p>
<p>LA BUSINESS PORTAL</p>	

From: **Claire Bartels** <claire.bartels@lacity.org>
Date: Fri, Apr 12, 2019 at 7:44 AM
Subject: Re: Public Records Request: Cannabis Revenue Historic and Present
To: Honorable Nick Pacheco <nickpacheco@cannabudsman.com>
Cc: Ian Thompson <ian.thompson@lacity.org>, latinos4cannabis@gmail.com <latinos4cannabis@gmail.com>, Cat Packer <cat.packer@lacity.org>, andrew.westall@lacity.org <andrew.westall@lacity.org>, deron.williams@lacity.org <deron.williams@lacity.org>, Candice Arnold <candice.arnold@lacity.org>

Nick,

We will provide you with a response with respect to taxes paid shortly, thank you.

Claire

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 11, 2019, at 6:36 PM, Ian Thompson <ian.thompson@lacity.org> wrote:

On Thu, Apr 4, 2019 at 4:11 PM Honorable Nick Pacheco <nickpacheco@cannabudsman.com> wrote:

Cannabis Business Tax Payments by Tax Period as of 3/29/2019

Fund/Class	Description	Tax Period	Principal Pd
L050	Medical Marijuana Collectives	201200A	\$ 4,964,777.42
L050	Medical Marijuana Collectives	201300A	\$ 5,400,309.35
L050	Medical Marijuana Collectives	201400A	\$ 5,538,378.46
L050	Medical Marijuana Collectives	201500A	\$ 7,129,885.09
L050	Medical Marijuana Collectives	201600A	\$ 10,453,887.45
L050	Medical Marijuana Collectives	201700A	\$ 12,483,089.88
L701	Medical Cannabis Sales	201801Q	\$ 1,800,225.95
L701	Medical Cannabis Sales	201802Q	\$ 1,779,227.09
L701	Medical Cannabis Sales	201803Q	\$ 1,276,116.33
L701	Medical Cannabis Sales	201804Q	\$ 1,145,360.00
L702	Adult-Use Cannabis Sales	201801Q	\$ 2,837,919.60
L702	Adult-Use Cannabis Sales	201802Q	\$ 5,445,825.44
L702	Adult-Use Cannabis Sales	201803Q	\$ 6,727,487.55
L702	Adult-Use Cannabis Sales	201804Q	\$ 8,439,533.95
L703	Cannabis Transportation	201801Q	\$ 530.00
L703	Cannabis Transportation	201802Q	\$ 8,710.00
L703	Cannabis Transportation	201803Q	\$ 23,220.00
L703	Cannabis Transportation	201804Q	\$ 25,110.00
L704	Cannabis Testing	201801Q	\$ -
L704	Cannabis Testing	201802Q	\$ -
L704	Cannabis Testing	201803Q	\$ 6,050.00
L704	Cannabis Testing	201804Q	\$ 17,090.00
L706	Cannabis Cultivation	201801Q	\$ 27,852.20
L706	Cannabis Cultivation	201802Q	\$ 60,790.00
L706	Cannabis Cultivation	201803Q	\$ 38,016.04
L706	Cannabis Cultivation	201804Q	\$ 95,006.16
L708	Cannabis Miscellaneous	201801Q	\$ 3,926.80
L708	Cannabis Miscellaneous	201802Q	\$ 63,009.06
L708	Cannabis Miscellaneous	201803Q	\$ 103,273.68
L708	Cannabis Miscellaneous	201804Q	\$ 197,678.60

Principal Paid denotes all business tax payments applied to assessed tax liabilities for the indicated tax period.

L050	Medical Marijuana Collectives	201200A	\$	4,964,777.42
L050	Medical Marijuana Collectives	201300A	\$	5,400,309.35
L050	Medical Marijuana Collectives	201400A	\$	5,538,378.46
L050	Medical Marijuana Collectives	201500A	\$	7,129,885.09
L050	Medical Marijuana Collectives	201600A	\$	10,453,887.45
L050	Medical Marijuana Collectives	201700A	\$	12,483,089.88
			\$	45,970,327.65

				2018 Cal. Year	17/18 Fiscal Year	18/19 Fiscal Year		
L701	Medical Cannabis Sales	2018010	\$	1,800,225.95				
L701	Medical Cannabis Sales	2018020	\$	1,779,227.09	\$	3,579,453.04		
L701	Medical Cannabis Sales	2018030	\$	1,276,116.33				
L701	Medical Cannabis Sales	2018040	\$	1,145,360.00		\$	2,421,476.33	
			\$	6,000,929.37				
L702	Adult-Use Cannabis Sales	2018010	\$	2,837,919.60				
L702	Adult-Use Cannabis Sales	2018020	\$	5,445,825.44	\$	8,283,745.04		
L702	Adult-Use Cannabis Sales	2018030	\$	6,727,487.55				
L702	Adult-Use Cannabis Sales	2018040	\$	8,439,533.95		\$	15,167,021.50	
			\$	23,450,766.54				
L703	Cannabis Transportation	2018010	\$	530.00				
L703	Cannabis Transportation	2018020	\$	8,710.00	\$	9,240.00		
L703	Cannabis Transportation	2018030	\$	23,220.00				
L703	Cannabis Transportation	2018040	\$	25,110.00		\$	48,330.00	
			\$	57,570.00				
L704	Cannabis Testing	2018010						
L704	Cannabis Testing	2018020			\$	-		
L704	Cannabis Testing	2018030	\$	6,050.00				
L704	Cannabis Testing	2018040	\$	17,090.00		\$	23,140.00	
			\$	23,140.00				
L706	Cannabis Cultivation	2018010	\$	27,852.20				
L706	Cannabis Cultivation	2018020	\$	60,790.00	\$	88,642.20		
L706	Cannabis Cultivation	2018030	\$	38,016.04				
L706	Cannabis Cultivation	2018040	\$	95,006.16		\$	133,022.20	
			\$	221,664.40				
L708	Cannabis Miscellaneous	2018010	\$	3,926.80				
L708	Cannabis Miscellaneous	2018020	\$	63,009.06	\$	66,935.86		
L708	Cannabis Miscellaneous	2018030	\$	103,273.68				
L708	Cannabis Miscellaneous	2018040	\$	197,678.60		\$	300,952.28	
			\$	367,888.14				
			\$	30,121,958.45	\$	12,028,016.14	\$	18,093,942.31
				2018 Calendar Year	17/18 Fisc. Yr.	18/19 Fisc. Yr.		

Mar 1, 2019 Controller Projections

CANNABIS REVENUE

From: Ian Thompson

Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 5:20 PM

To: Honorable Nick Pacheco

Subject: Re: URGENT: \$40 million Revenue from Cannabis Fees & Taxes

FY 18-19 \$53.6 M

Hi Mr. Pacheco:

\$12.6 M Permit Fees

Attached is the report from which the figure came. The \$40 million is projected business tax receipts only. In addition, the City is projecting \$12.6 million in permit fees and about \$1 million in sales tax receipts.

Next year, we're projecting only about \$41 million in business tax receipts, \$11 million in permit fees.

FY 2019 - 2020

Remember, these are all projections and not certainties.

Best,
Ian

FY 19-20 \$52.0 M

\$11.0 M Permit Fees

Ian Thompson

Communications Director

Office: (213) 978-7200 | Cell: (310) 490-8595

Email: ian.thompson@lacity.org



On Sun, Mar 24, 2019 at 7:15 AM Honorable Nick Pacheco <nickpacheco@cannabudsman.com> wrote:

Mr. Thompson,

On March 1, 2019 you issued a Press Release "L.A. Controller Urges Budget Restraint ..." and in it you stated,

- This year, the City is projected to generate \$40 million from cannabis related licensing fees and business taxes, which could grow if the City intensifies its efforts to permit new cannabis businesses and enforce against illegal ones.

Before I get into the purpose of my email I would like to thank you for reminding the City family that a key to increase revenues for the City is enforcement against illegal operators.

APPROPRIATION SOURCES

FISCAL YEAR 2017/18

TOTAL: \$1,493,244.00

ADOPTED BUDGET: PAGE 57

FISCAL YEAR 2018/19

TOTAL: \$5,447,866.00

ADOPTED BUDGET: PAGE 57

FISCAL YEAR 2019/20

TOTAL: \$18,787,582.00

PROPOSED BUDGET: PAGE 315

Cannabis Regulation

SUPPORTING DATA
DISTRIBUTION OF 2017-18 TOTAL COST OF PROGRAMS

	BA1301 Regulations and Licensing	Total
Budget		
Salaries	639,796	639,796
Expense	131,000	131,000
Equipment	19,000	19,000
Special	-	-
Total Departmental Budget	789,796	789,796
Support Program Allocation	-	-
Related and Indirect Costs		
Pensions and Retirement	168,430	168,430
Human Resources Benefits	72,811	72,811
Water and Electricity	55,579	55,579
Building Services	258,190	258,190
Other Department Related Costs	81,532	81,532
Capital Finance and Wastewater	-	-
Bond Interest and Redemption	316	316
Liability Claims	-	-
Judgement Obligation Bond Debt Service	-	-
Other Special Purpose Allocations	-	-
Non-Department Allocations	66,590	66,590
Subtotal Related Costs	703,448	703,448
Cost Allocated to Other Departments	-	-
Total Cost of Program	1,493,244	1,493,244
Positions	5	5

Cannabis Regulation

SUPPORTING DATA DISTRIBUTION OF 2018-19 TOTAL COST OF PROGRAMS

	BA1301 Regulations and Licensing	Total
Budget		
Salaries	2,437,036	2,437,036
Expense	1,759,132	1,759,132
Equipment	16,000	16,000
Special	-	-
Total Departmental Budget	4,212,168	4,212,168
Support Program Allocation	-	-
Related and Indirect Costs		
Pensions and Retirement	706,988	706,988
Human Resources Benefits	74,793	74,793
Water and Electricity	63,285	63,285
Building Services	230,779	230,779
Other Department Related Costs	104,871	104,871
Capital Finance and Wastewater	-	-
Bond Interest and Redemption	613	613
Liability Claims	-	-
Judgement Obligation Bond Debt Service	-	-
Other Special Purpose Allocations	-	-
Non-Department Allocations	54,369	54,369
Subtotal Related Costs	1,235,698	1,235,698
Cost Allocated to Other Departments	-	-
Total Cost of Program	5,447,866	5,447,866
Positions	5	5

SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 33

CANNABIS REGULATION SPECIAL REVENUE TRUST FUND

Section 5.586 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) establishes the Department of Cannabis Regulation Cannabis Regulation Trust Fund. This fund receives monies from fees paid for the licensing and permitting of new and existing cannabis retailers, cultivators, distributors, and manufacturers in the City of Los Angeles pursuant to Chapter 10, Articles 4 and 5 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC). The Fund is administered by the Department of Cannabis Regulation to pay for salaries, expenses, equipment, materials, and services in support of the Department's functions relating to those services for which fees are paid into the Fund.

Actual 2017-18	Estimated 2018-19		Total Budget 2019-20
REVENUE			
-	-	Balance Available, July 1	6,163,000
-	1,750,000	General Fund	1,500,000
-	11,000,000	Permit Fees	11,000,000
-	45,000	Interest	124,582
-	12,795,000	Total Revenue	18,787,582
EXPENDITURES			
APPROPRIATIONS			
-	3,026,000	Cannabis Regulation	4,213,016
-	136,000	City Attorney	613,515
-	-	City Clerk	49,824
-	-	City Planning	200,000
-	-	Finance	570,006
-	45,000	General Services	103,873
-	6,000	Information Technology Agency	-
-	-	Personnel	139,780
-	100,000	Police	-
-	93,000	Capital Finance Administration	195,444
Special Purpose Fund Appropriations:			
-	250,000	Social Equity Program	3,000,000
-	2,976,000	Reimbursement of General Fund Costs	6,810,352
-	-	Reserve for Future Costs	2,891,772
-	6,632,000	Total Appropriations	18,787,582
-	6,163,000	Ending Balance, June 30	-

Communication from Public

Name: Louis Watanabe
Date Submitted: 05/16/2019 01:58 PM
Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My parents and grandparents were sent to internment camps during WWII. Because of this, I have visited prisoners at the Adelanto Detention Center over the past 2 years. Some of the people I've met were living in Los Angeles when they were arrested. One in particular had an asylum case as a human trafficking victim. The LA Justice Fund means a lot to these people because immigrants do not have the rights afforded to criminal defendants. As a Catholic in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, I ask you to please allocate money for this important budget item. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Rose Reiss

Date Submitted: 05/16/2019 06:09 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council Members, I am one of your constituents in Santa Monica zipcode 90402. Los Angeles is the City of Angels and also a City of Sanctuary. It did the right thing by creating the LA Justice Fund in 2017 to provide legal representation to eligible immigrants facing deportation shortly after the 2016 presidential election of Trump. We must ensure the continuity of the LA Justice Fund (LAJF) especially given Trump's continuous and hateful onslaught on immigrant communities. Unlike in criminal proceedings, there is no right to government-appointed counsel in deportation proceedings. Deportation can mean the "loss of all that makes life worth living" and even certain death for people fleeing violence and persecution. In LA County, nearly 70 percent of detained immigrants fighting their deportation go unrepresented. The LAJF has represented nearly 300 immigrants facing deportation and that is 300 more immigrants getting a chance for a better life in our city. To truly keep families together, safe and protected, we need to guarantee due process and a fair day in court for families in our city who are facing the life-or-death stakes that come with deportation. I urge that the LA City Council approve a resolution to retain the LAJF in its city budget. Sincerely, Rose Reiss Los Angeles constituent

Communication from Public

Name: Margaret P Flood

Date Submitted: 05/16/2019 01:30 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I ask the City Council to add the LA Justice Fund into their budget for 2020. I have visited Adelanto Immigration Prison and have seen detainees there struggle through the asylum process. They languish within this "detention center," and have limited access to resources to help them appropriately present their request. Many of them face death should they be deported to their countries of origin. The LA Justice Fund provides assistance to some of these people. It makes a huge difference and supporting the LA Justice Fund is align with our commitment to Los Angeles as a Sanctuary City.

Communication from Public

Name: Carey Kayser

Date Submitted: 05/16/2019 01:25 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Given new leadership at the Department of Homeland Security and Trump's promises to double-down on his "America First" immigration agenda, and in light of the closing of immigration detention facilities in Orange County and the related expansion of the Adelanto detention facility, this is the time not to pull back or back down, but to invest even further in, and expand, the LAJF.

Communication from Public

Name: Danah Ezekiel Clark

Date Submitted: 05/16/2019 01:47 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles Council members, I implore you to add the LA Justice Fund to your 2020 Budget. Our immigrant fellow men, women and children deserve representation and support, especially because the current administration is so hell bent on deporting as many people as they can. I, personally, can sleep better at night knowing that the people who come here in need and from danger can have a helping hand to represent them.
Thank you Danah

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/16/2019 05:01 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Councilmembers: I am writing on behalf of the detained immigrant population that is incarcerated at the GEO Adelanto Detention facility. As someone who has visited detainees over the past year, I have met with individuals and heard stories of others, who are being or have been held for anywhere from months to years, without access to legal counsel and without the means to post bond. Some are unable to speak English. It is a blemish on our government and our justice system that such conditions can exist in this country. I urge the City Council to ensure the continuity of the Los Angeles Justice Fund. Depriving any of these immigrants of due process is a scandal. Please vote to guarantee that Los Angeles Justice Fund revenues will be available to assist these helpless individuals who find themselves in prison for the first time in their lives. Thank you for your kind attention to this request. Thank you for acting on behalf of these detainees.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/16/2019 03:18 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please add the LA Justice Fund to the City's budget for 2020. It is unconscionable that this item has been removed. Over two-thirds of people appearing in immigration court do not have representation. The LA Justice Fund allows some of these people to have the representation they need to be able to manage the issues in court. I visit with individuals who have been detained in Adelanto, and it is very clear that they need this type of legal representation. As a City, we must be truly prepared to protect and stand up for our immigrant community. No one should face imprisonment and deportation without a lawyer. Please restore LA Justice funds in Los Angeles' 2020 budget. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jorge A. Canez
Date Submitted: 05/16/2019 03:47 PM
Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Budget and Finance Committee, My name is Jorge Canez. I would like to voice my frustration with the 2019-2020 City of Los Angeles budget, particularly with regards to the amount of money and resources invested in the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). LAPD recently came under fire for a number of racist practices it is upholding. An LA Times investigation concluded the LAPD South LA Metropolitan Division was disproportionately stopping black drivers, at rates of 65 percent, while the black population in the area is only 31 percent. Additionally, Inspector General Mark Smith's recent 52-page review of the predictive policing programs found officers used inconsistent criteria to identify people with criminal histories who are most likely to commit violent crimes. These programs also had a racial bias embedded in them, and often these statistics resulted in heavier policing of blacks and Latinos. Racially-based practices are incredibly harmful to communities, feeding individuals into cycles of incarceration, putting immense financial and emotional strain on families, and instilling distrust and animosity in neighborhoods. At a time when police protocol is questioned, we need to take a step back and rethink the way we enforce laws and safety in our city, rather than further investing in these problematic practices. This year's budget does exactly the opposite, by increasing the department's allocation by \$47 million, and investing in the opening and staffing the Harbor Jail in San Pedro (\$1.9 million). This year's budget sets aside funds for police to enter spaces traditionally not enforced by uniformed officers, such as libraries (\$1.4 million) and BRIDGE housing (\$3 million). Libraries in Los Angeles do not need 77 more police or contract officers, cameras, and panic buttons, they need high-quality programming and more books! Moreover, the Los Angeles Police Department currently accounts for 41% of all city employees, and has the largest amount of funding of all departments in the City of Los Angeles (\$1.6 billion appropriated in 2019-2020). LAPD is one of the largest entities in the City of Los Angeles, and the Budget and Finance Committee must rethink how we are prioritizing our resources and personnel. Resources invested in the police inherently mean resources divested from other large and pressing problems. The housing crisis is leading to more and more individuals experiencing homelessness, being severely rent burdened, and generally having housing precarity. The City of Los Angeles's Vision Zero initiative is faltering, and could greatly benefit from more than just one additional staff person on the LADOT team in 2019-2020. Many other departments, such as Parks & Recreation, provide vital service that enrich the quality of life for residents more than the LAPD does. I urge the Budget and Finance Committee to not fund the Harbor Jail opening, remove police presences from libraries and BRIDGE housing, and reinvest those resources in other departments that are not already receiving a \$47 million expansion in their allocations.

Sincerely, Ma'ayan Dembo ~~~ Executive summary:
http://cao.lacity.org/budget19-20/2019-20Budget_Summary.pdf Public comment:
http://ens.lacity.org/clk/committeegend/clkcommitteegend18130660_05032019.html Blue book vol 1: <http://cao.lacity.org/budget19-20/2019-20BlueBookVol1.pdf> Blue book vol 2: <http://cao.lacity.org/budget19-20/2019-20BlueBookVol2.pdf> \$10.65 Billion Summary of appropriations Department Salaries Expenses Total Appropriation Police 1.5 billion 85 million \$1.6 billion Fire 640 million 35 million \$676 million Bureau of Sanitation 266 million 22 million \$289 million General Services 119 million 130 million expenses 252 million Bureau of Street Services 91 million 81 million 172 million Transportation 143 million 23 million 166 million Policing Garcetti's proposal calls for \$165 million for LAPD overtime, an increase of \$47 million over the current fiscal year's budget. But a February memo from Chief Michel Moore and City Administrative Officer Richard Llewellyn projected the city will actually spend more than \$160 million on overtime in the current fiscal year. source Re-opening of Harbor Jail, "The Harbor Area jail, in San Pedro, was built a decade ago, but has never opened because of a lack of funding for staff. It was a state-of-the-art facility back then. But now, after sitting empty for so long, it will need a \$1 million round of upgrades to meet current standards. That's on top of the \$912,406 to fund staff — 20 detention officers, six senior detention officers, one principal detention officer — with uniforms, accessories and safety equipment. And that's just

for the first year.” source 34,133 total city employees, of those, 14,006 are police, 41% of all city employees are cops!!!! Further criminalization of the homeless, Homeless coordinator resources (124k) Bridge housing security (3 million) Unified homeless response center (684k)

Communication from Public

Name: Calman Kurtzman

Date Submitted: 05/16/2019 03:52 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please include the LAJustice Fund in the 2020 budget. Most immigrants facing court dates have insufficient funds to hire legal representation. They are facing enough problems without representation and the lack thereof reduces the chance of a positive court result. In the name of human dignity and morality we need to maintain the fund . Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/15/2019 10:29 AM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Krekorian and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee, As a resident of the wild Sherman Oaks hills, home for many creatures, I urge you to to fund wildlife corridors before it is too late! As you know, a large percentage of our natural wildlife habitat was lost in last year's fires, along with a great number of wild animals. In order for wildlife to survive in Los Angeles, habitat connectivity must be a top priority for our city. These animals are irreplaceable. We need to fund the wildlife corridor ordinance and hire a biodiversity expert now. The United Nations warned this week that 1 million species will become extinct if we, the most reckless of all species, refuse to act. This is an unfathomable and stunning proposition. YOU can do something now. Begin at home and provide the means for these wild animals to survive. Protect wildlife diversity by supplying the necessary funding for wildlife corridors and experts who can help to ensure survival for these precious, native Angelenos. It is a miracle to have wildlife and wilderness in the middle of the City of Los Angeles. We must not lose it forever. The actions of the FAA and Airports is extremely detrimental to wildlife preservation and climate change deliberately. I see it as BIG government purposely "infecting" the environment with way too much power over the people and the environment. Intrusive with no consequence for federal government actions that are not challenged. FAA and local airports need to answer and stop denying that changes have been made over flight paths. We have lived her 21 years and can attest to lying Airport/FAA comments of denial. Please make this a top priority. Sincerely, Michele Sherman Oaks, CA

Communication from Public

Name: Ma'ayan Dembo
Date Submitted: 05/15/2019 04:39 PM
Council File No: 19-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Liz Amsden

Date Submitted: 05/15/2019 12:11 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The Budget and Finance Committee and CAO should STRONGLY recommend the Mayor and his office to initiate action on suggestions from the Budget Advocates and others that would increase the City' efficiency and transparency that are currently outside the scope of the budget itself. These include but are by no means limited to directing departments work with the Ethics and City Attorney's office to reduce liability claims, revising the contracts with the RecycLA franchisees, initiating more efficient resource-sharing between departments and agencies and evaluating what makes the highest functioning areas and departments work so well and be proactive in spreading those skills and structures.

Communication from Public

Name: Liz Amsden

Date Submitted: 05/15/2019 12:12 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The new budget should include funding LA San's (as well as any other department requests) for needed supervisory personnel: efficient operation is a function of effective supervision.

Communication from Public

Name: Liz Amsden

Date Submitted: 05/15/2019 12:09 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Before the coming fiscal year's budget is finalized, please revisit the Ethics Department's request for Project level personnel – this is a smart use of budget dollars, allowing for necessary expertise and flexibility so the same human resources can cover multiple jobs as the department's needs fluctuate, increasing the pool of skills available and giving people the hands-on experience needed for promotion from within when management positions open.

Communication from Public

Name: Liz Amsden

Date Submitted: 05/15/2019 12:08 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: In regards to the Emergency Management Department's budget, the City should add funds to address significantly expanding the department so it can meet the needs of Los Angeles if a major disaster hits. WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT ITSELF SEES THE NEED OR NOT. The first responders from the LAFD and LAPD took care of the Woolsey Fire but in a citywide emergency, the EMD must be able to provide oversight and management that is clearly beyond its capabilities with its current resources and manpower.

Communication from Public

Name: Gai Klass

Date Submitted: 05/16/2019 12:57 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, I see that there is no provision for funding the Los Angeles Justice Fund. I implore you to reconsider. As a frequent visitor to detainees in Adelanto, I know that there is often no way for them to get legal counsel or to navigate the complicated immigration system. We have successfully obtained representation for them from the LA Justice Fund. We may not be able to do anything about ICE or this administration's cruel treatment of undocumented immigrants, but we can at least mitigate some of the pain and injustice by funding this organization again. At this time, more than two-thirds of people appearing in immigration court face a judge or prosecutor without any legal representation. Here in Los Angeles, my hope is that we will stand for America's promise of justice for all! Thank you for your consideration. Gai Klass

Communication from Public

Name: Adam Vine

Date Submitted: 05/16/2019 01:05 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Adam Vine, and I'm the co-founder of Cage-Free Cannabis and a proud member of Equity First LA. We urge the City to fully fund DCR's Budget request for Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020, and we support DCR's ask for an additional \$2.5 million dollars in funding. The Social Equity Program must be funded! We ask for 25% of all cannabis tax revenue to be allocated to community reinvestment, The Community Health and Reinvestment Fund -- which should roll over every year and not revert to the General fund. Our response to the budget is outlined in our letter, sent to your offices, and submitted today for public record. I also urge you to fund the LA Justice Fund that will provide legal representation to undocumented people facing deportation by the Federal government. Los Angeles must live up to its commitment to be a sanctuary city. These issues are connected to our social equity and community reinvestment needs, and the City has an opportunity and an obligation to devote resources to repairing the harms caused by the War on Drugs, mass incarceration, and mass deportations.

Communication from Public

Name: Benjamin Shadle

Date Submitted: 05/16/2019 01:08 PM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Add the LA Justice Fund into the 2020 budget. Over two-thirds of people appearing in immigration court do not have representation. The LA Justice Fund provides assistance to some of these people. Please stand for justice for ALL people.

Communication from Public

Name: Carolina Goodman, League of Women Voters of Los Angeles

Date Submitted: 05/16/2019 08:08 AM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Re: Ethics Commission budget During the recession, the Ethics Commission's staff was drastically reduced, yet the workload continued to increase. We've entered the current fundraising period without having completed the audit of the previous election. UNACCEPTABLE! Adding one staff position is not enough. With trust in City Hall at an all time low, the City must ensure that the Ethics Commission has the resources it needs to oversee government ethics and campaign finance, to enforce the City's lobbying ordinance, to maintain the public database and to provide education to those inside and outside of the government.

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Communication from Public

Name: Prisca Gloor

Date Submitted: 05/16/2019 08:08 AM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I visit the detention center Adelanto regularly and I am appalled by what I hear from the people there, who are held for years in bad conditions. For example, many do not receive the medical care they need and all claim that the food is just terrible. Besides that, there are people who legally asked for asylum, but then are thrown into those centers for years (so the private prison industry can make money). Many of them don't have legal representation. For example, I just visited a man from Cameroon, who is prosecuted there because of his political actions. He asked for asylum, missed a legal deadline (he has no attorney) and he has been at Adelanto since September 2017! The Due Process Clause protects all "persons," not just citizens. I believe no one should face imprisonment and deportation without a lawyer. The City of LA has a responsibility to not turn the other way. This is the moment to stand up to xenophobia, prejudice, human rights violations and the premeditated malicious persecution of immigrants. The investments two years ago from the City and the County of \$2 million and \$3 million, respectively, to the LA Justice Fund LAJF (over a two-year period) has allowed for immigration legal service providers in Los Angeles to begin to represent people who would have otherwise gone unrepresented. Day in and day out we're hearing from City and County residents whose loved ones are taken by ICE and detained in Adelanto. Before LAJF, we had no real capacity to respond. The City's support through LAJF has changed that. We cannot go back to the days of turning our community members away, particularly with the ongoing assault on immigrants. Without the reinvestment, providers will be left in the untenable position of having taken up cases, many of which have dates for their next hearing in 2021 and beyond, but now without the ability to see them through (many cases under LAJF take over 3 years to see through, and without the continued city commitment these individuals we sought to help at the creation of LAJF in the first place would be left to a vulnerable legal representation future without LAJF renewal). It would be fiscally irresponsible and ethically concerning for the City and County to begin to build a legal representation program to then scrap it altogether. Please do the ethical and responsible and humane thing and include the LA Justice Fund in your budget! Sincerely, Dr. Gloor

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Communication from Public

Name: Michele modglin

Date Submitted: 05/16/2019 10:48 AM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please, please include funding for the LA justice fund in your budget! I have personally seen that lack of funding for legal representation of immigrants currently in detention is unjust! I am currently assisting a young man at Adelanto detention center who fled Nicaraguan after participating in demonstrations against the government. Many of his fellow friends and relatives who demonstrated with him are in prison with long sentences and are being tortured. He has no money for a lawyer. He was robbed in Mexico on his way here, left with only the shirt on his back. He had a hearing this week before a judge and was not represented..I was in courtroom. He was perplexed by the legal system, unprepared and faced a life or death decision by the judge deciding on his asylum claim. Fortunately the case was continued which gives us more time to find a pro bono lawyer...almost impossible these days. INCLUDING LA justice funds in the budget will allow those without resources legal assistance, instead of a system that only works for those who can afford a lawyer. This is unjust treatment for those most vulnerable at their time of greatest need. We are better than that.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristen R. Lovell

Date Submitted: 05/16/2019 11:12 AM

Council File No: 19-0600

Comments for Public Posting: 5/16 BUDGET AND FINANCE SPECIAL MEETING – Talking Points My Name is Kristen Lovell. I am an organizer of the Equity First LA Coalition and Associate Director of The Social Impact Center. 1. We urge the City to fully fund DCR’s Budget request for Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020, and we support DCR’s ask for an additional \$2.5 million dollars in funding. The Social Equity Program must be funded! 2. We ask for 25% of all cannabis tax revenue to be allocated to community reinvestment, The Community Health and Reinvestment Fund -- which should roll over every year and not revert to the General fund. 3. Our response to the budget is outlined in our letter, sent to your offices, and submitted today for public record. Put Equity FIRST!



May 14, 2019

Honorable Paul Krekorian
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Chairman, Budget and Finance Committee

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CC: Director Cat Packer, Department of Cannabis Regulation; City Attorney Michael Feuer; President Herb. J. Wesson, Jr., President of the Los Angeles City Council; Councilmember, Gilbert Cedillo, Councilmember David E. Ryu, Councilmember Nury Martinez, Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Councilmember Mike Bonin, Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, Councilmember Jose Huizar, Councilmember Joe Buscaino

Re: Cannabis Revenue

Honorable Finance Chairperson Krekorian,

The Equity First LA Coalition appreciates the funding and resources included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Proposed Budget by the Mayor of Los Angeles. Our coalition recognizes the Mayor and his budget team for recommending the allocation of key resources needed to continue the Department of Cannabis Regulation's licensing and compliance programs for authorized commercial cannabis businesses, as well as new resources to begin implementation of the Department's social equity, public education, and outreach programs.

After a comprehensive analysis of the Mayor's proposed budget, several questions remain, and our coalition agrees that as part of the civic engagement process, we must make the following recommendations that reflect and address the needs of the local community. Our efforts are in line with the local community's request to create a better society that centers the livelihoods of the most marginalized communities of Los Angeles and that aligns with current legislation, set forth by voters through LA's 2017 Measure M and the City's 2018 cannabis licensing ordinance.

Our recommendations for the budget are as follows:

- Fund the additional 2.5 million requested by the Department of Cannabis Regulation in a timely manner to ensure the SEP has the necessary infrastructure.
- Full transparency in cannabis-related budget allocations to ensure that the tax revenue generated from the cannabis industry does not disappear; we must see where the money goes. Looking at the proposed budget, there is no information about where the over \$40 million in cannabis tax revenues will be allocated. Most critically, we want to ensure that these funds are allocated to the community and not to police.
- A minimum of 25% of the total revenue of cannabis taxes must be allocated to community reinvestment, and these funds must rollover year to year. This will support a more equitable approach to the industry by providing pathways for individuals and communities that have been harmed by the War on Drugs to benefit from the cannabis industry and providing desperately needed resources to whole communities that have been devastated by war on drugs law enforcement.
- Page 58 in the proposed budget does not show an allocation of funds for Public Education and Fee Deferrals. We want to ensure that these two sections do not get lost. We request continuous annual allocations of \$2 million for public education and \$3 million for fee deferrals. These funds must be disbursed in a timely manner.
- As we understand it, the City's General Fund received approximately \$53 million dollars in cannabis tax revenue in 2018-19, and less than \$2 million was allocated to the social equity program. That ratio is unacceptable, insulting, and runs counter to the will of the voters. The tax revenue will increase in 2019-20, and we want to ensure that a significant portion of these revenues will be allocated to the social equity program, for reasons stated above, and to a specific fund (**Community Health and Reinvestment Fund**) that will support nonprofit organizations to provide lifesaving services to individuals and communities who have been affected by the War on Drugs.

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our coalition chair at (818) 428-5821.

Sincerely,

Equity First LA Coalition:

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Brandie Cross PhD, co-founder The Pot Lab/Smart Pharm Research Group
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Communication from Public

Name: Angelina
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Comments for Public Posting:

Communication from Public

Name: Milena Jankovic
Date Submitted: 05/15/2019 09:35 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to ask you to include the funding for Justice Fund in this year's final budget. For the last year I've been regularly visiting folks detained in Adelanto immigration center. Most people I meet don't have representation. Some ask for English dictionaries to be sent to them and most ask for legal clarifications though they know I am not an attorney. One fellow described to me that when one person from the dorm returns from a hearing they immediately sit down with the others and tell them everything that happened in the courtroom. They try to learn from each other so they can represent themselves in cases having to do with some of the legal areas second only to tax law in complexity. One immigration attorney that I spoke with described these hearings as "death sentences being discussed in traffic court". I believe that everyone should be entitled to due process and that with should treat issues of asylum and deportation with the utmost respect for lives of the people. Attorney representation should be priviledge of the rich, it should be accessible to everyone. Justice Fund is a crucial resource that we should continue to fund it re-affirming our commitment to our immigrant communities. Thank you for your time.