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Honorable Members of the Budget and Finance Committee
Office of the City Clerk
200 North Spring Street, City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Members:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to comment on the 2019-20 Proposed Budget for the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO).

I am very proud of the critical work this Office does every day, and of the important role we have played and continue to play in delivering results for our families, workers, businesses, and communities, all while reinforcing the City's sound fiscal foundation. Your responsible financial management and continued fiscal discipline are evidenced by the recent ratings increase of our General Obligation Bonds from AA- to AA by Fitch Ratings and from AA to AA+ by Kroll Bond Rating Agency. This budget recognizes the critical role played by this Office in ensuring that the City provides the highest level of service possible to its residents while living within its financial means.

The funding provided in the 2019-20 Proposed Budget for the CAO is consistent with my requests and priorities. In accordance with the Mayor and Council priority to address homelessness, this budget continues to support the Citywide Homeless Initiative by regularizing one position in light of the ongoing work to implement the City's Comprehensive Homeless Strategy. One resolution authority is also continued to oversee the Homelessness Reduction and Prevention, Housing, and Facilities Bond Issue Program (Proposition HHH). This budget also continues to support strategic assessment of the City workforce and economic development by continuation of resolution authorities.

The CAO will continue to uphold its reputation for making timely and sound financial and operational recommendations as we work with the Mayor and Council to overcome the various challenges facing the City. My staff and I look forward to working with the Council during this budget process and in the future.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr.
City Administrative Officer