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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

May 1, 2019

Honorable Paul Krekorian, Chair  
Budget & Finance Committee  
City of Los Angeles  
200 N Spring St, Room 435  
LA CA 90012

RE: 4% increase to FY19-20 LASAN contract and the addition of FY18-19 funds to the FY19-20 GCP/General Fund with the resulting total of \$1M "normalized" in future year budgets

Dear Chairman Krekorian and Committee Members:

We write to request a 4% increase to our FY19-20 contract with LASAN to offset the increased costs resulting from the City's minimum wage increases associated with the Corps. This will ensure that the Corps is able to continue to operate 5 crews and meet the same deliverables associated with our previous FY18-19 funding.

The Corps has received \$1M in funding from LASAN for many years to offset the loss of CDBG funding for the Clean & Green program. That contract funds 5 crews of 5 Corps members (and a crew supervisor) to work directly with LASAN to clear and clean alleys, primarily those located in Council Districts 8, 9 and 15. Each year, the costs of doing business at the Corps have gone up as the City's minimum wage was increased to \$15/hour. These increases have led to higher staff and operational costs. The 4% increase (amounting to \$1,040,000 from the previous \$1M) would not only offset said costs but would ensure the Corps is able to operate 5 crews and meet the same deliverables associated with FY18-19 funding.

In addition, we would like to transfer the \$250K approved at the end of the FY18-19 budget cycle to the FY19-20 GCP/General Fund for Clean & Green. This would total \$1M from the previous \$750K to the FY19-20 GCP/General Fund. We would like to request that the funding total of \$1M is normalized for future year budgets.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Gilbert A. Cedillo  
Councilmember, First District

Jose Huizar  
Councilmember, Fourteenth District