ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to applying for the Choice Neighborhood Implementation (CNI) Grant to further advance the comprehensive Watts Rising effort.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Buscaino - Cedillo):

1. APPROVE the City as Co-Applicant, with Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), as Lead Applicant for the CNI Grant; and, AUTHORIZE the Mayor, or designee, to sign the grant application on behalf of the City and execute any necessary documents including but not limited to certifications and disclosures required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations to meet grant requirements and thresholds as part of the grant application.

2. ALLOCATE in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds over the CNI Grant term, an amount equal to 10 percent of the estimated 46th Program Year (2020-21) CDBG entitlement, valued at approximately $5,335,886, to Watts Rising, subject to a grant award from the HUD CNI Grant.

3. COMMIT to future year allocations of the City's apportionment of 9 percent Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) to Phases 3-7 of Watts Rising to construct up to 174 units of affordable housing for the City over the next six years, with the restriction of funding no more than one project with 9 percent LIHTC in any one fiscal year, subject to a grant award from the HUD CNI Grant, and the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department Affordable Housing Trust Fund guidelines and regulations.

4. REQUEST the HACLA to report to the Council upon notification of the results of the CNI Grant, and should the Watts Rising program be awarded a CNI grant, said report to contain the necessary authorities to accept the grant.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on October 22, 2019, your Economic Development Committee considered a Motion (Buscaino - Cedillo) relative to applying for the CNI Grant to further advance the comprehensive Watts Rising effort, and related matters. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the Motion, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEMBER  VOTE
PRICE:     YES
BUSCAINO: YES
RODRIGUEZ: YES

ME 10/22/19

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