

AD HOC ON COMPREHENSIVE JOB CREATION PLAN AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES JOINT REPORT relative to providing a business preference for City contracts to businesses who employ foster youth and youth transitioning out of foster care.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Krekorian – Martinez – Blumenfield – Bonin – Harris-Dawson - Lee):

DIRECT the Bureau of Contract Administration, with the assistance of the Economic and Workforce Development Department and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), to report in 60 days on the feasibility of providing a business preference for City contracts to businesses who employ foster youth and youth transitioning out of foster care.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On January 14, 2020, Council considered Motion (Krekorian – Martinez – Blumenfield – Bonin – Harris-Dawson - Lee) relative to providing a business preference for City contracts to businesses who employ foster youth and youth transitioning out of foster care. Motion states that according to the National Foster Youth Institute, nationwide, only about half of foster youth finish high school and less than three percent graduate from college. Youth transitioning out of foster care often face numerous mental, social, and economic challenges that often result in homelessness. The 2019 Homeless Count found that there are nearly 4,000 youth experiencing homelessness, with an estimated one-third of this population current or former foster youth.

Motion goes on to state that the City of Los Angeles provides numerous preferences for businesses competing for City contracts, offering incentives for minority and women owned businesses, small businesses, and local businesses, to name a few. Businesses should be encouraged to employ foster youth and youth transitioning out of foster care to give these individuals work experiences that will position them for future success. The City can incentivize this practice by adding an additional preference classification to its contracting process. Motion recommends that Council direct the Bureau of Contract Administration to report in 60 days on the feasibility of doing so. Council referred Motion to the Ad Hoc on Comprehensive Job Creation Plan and Economic Development Committees for consideration.

At their joint meeting held February 25, 2020, the Ad Hoc Committee on Comprehensive Job Creation Plan and the Economic Development Committee recommended that Council approve Motion's recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

AD HOC ON COMPREHENSIVE JOB CREATION PLAN COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PRICE:	YES
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
RODRIGUEZ:	YES

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