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Budget and Finance Committee  
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City Hall, Room 395  
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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY COMMENTS ON THE MAYOR'S FISCAL YEAR 2020-21  
PROPOSED BUDGET**

Honorable Chair and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee:

As instructed by the Chair of Budget and Finance Committee, the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) respectfully transmits its comments regarding the Mayor's FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget.

The Mayor's Proposed Budget for LADBS provides the critical resources and sufficient flexibility necessary for LADBS to effectively manage its departmental operations in Fiscal Year 2020-21. LADBS would like to take this opportunity to express its deep appreciation of the support from the Mayor and his staff, which is clearly reflected in the Proposed Budget.

LADBS new construction activities are primarily funded by the Building and Safety Building Permit Trust Fund and represent 92.3 percent of the total annual department budget. LADBS code enforcement functions are funded by the General Fund. Leading construction activity indicators displayed consistent increases over the last five fiscal years. The positions included in the Proposed Budget will enable LADBS to maintain customer service levels while providing the flexibility for adjustments should there be a significant decrease in construction activity or development projects due to the COVID-19 situation.

We look forward to discussing the Proposed Budget with the Committee and addressing any questions or concerns from the Chair and Committee members. Should you have any questions, I can be reached at (213) 482-6800. For additional details, you may also contact Ana Mae Yutan, Assistant General Manager and LADBS Resource Management Bureau Chief at (213) 482-6703.

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