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COUNCILMEMBER, 14TH DISTRICT

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Budget and Finance Committee:

Chairman: Councilmember Paul Krekorian,

Members: Councilmember Blumenfield, Bonin, Koretz, Price

RE: 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Streets LA Los Angeles City Budget

I want to thank you all on your efforts in preparing the proposed FY 2020-21 Budget amid these challenging and uncertain times. The current City budget is a reflection of the larger challenges we are facing this year. We are all focused on a budget that continues to achieve the goals of enhancing the quality of life for all Angelenos.

In reviewing the goals that Streets LA has outlined in their budget response, I request your consideration in their following recommendations in order to best provide for all our constituents:

- We request that the Committee support strategies outlined in the Bureau of Street Services (Streets LA) budget letter to allow the use of off-budget funding in lieu of furloughs.
- To lower service reductions that may occur with cuts to Streets LA, especially in areas of sidewalk repairs, the access ramp program, concrete streets and tree trimming. Streets LA should be allowed hiring flexibility if that hiring is within the identified salary-saving targets.
- Furloughs will impact the ability of the City to make use of external funding, through grants or discretionary funds. I encourage the Committee to grant flexibility and resolution authority to access and deliver upon grant-funded opportunities in order to mitigate the impacts related to furloughs.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to working with you and Streets LA to achieve the shared goals of my constituents and all throughout our great city.

Sincerely,

José Huizar
Councilmember, 14th District
City of Los Angeles