

HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authorization to negotiate and execute a new interagency agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) for environmental services.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA), or designee, to negotiate and execute an inter-agency agreement with HACLA for provision of professional environmental services by the HCIDLA's Environmental and Land Use Services Unit, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other relevant federal, state, and local land use and environmental laws and regulations, for a two-year term retroactive to July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 per year, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality and to also be subject to compliance with the City's contracting requirements.
2. DIRECT the HCIDLA to conduct a fee analysis of the fully burdened cost to provide professional environmental services required under CEQA, NEPA and other relevant Federal, State, and local land use and environmental laws and regulations prior to entering into any future agreements for such services.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that there is no impact to the General Fund. The recommendations contained in the August 14, 2018 CAO report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that the proposed new inter-agency agreement between HACLA and the HCIDLA will be fully funded by HACLA proceeds.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 22, 2018, your Committee considered August 14, 2018 CAO and August 1, 2018 HCIDLA reports relative to authorization to negotiate and execute a new interagency agreement with HACLA for environmental services. According to the CAO, the HCIDLA is requesting authority to negotiate and execute an inter-agency agreement between HCIDLA and HACLA for the HCID to provide professional environmental services pursuant to the CEQA, NEPA and other relevant federal, state, and local land use and environmental laws and regulations for HACLA for a two-year term retroactive to July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 per year, and for a total not to exceed \$300,000. The most recent agreement (Contract No. C-124075) between HCIDLA and HACLA for these professional environmental services expired June 30, 2017 for a previous annual amount not to exceed \$90,000.

The proposed inter-agency agreement would allow HCID and HACLA to continue to maintain the existing arrangement by funding a portion of two existing staff members within the Planning and Land Use Unit consisting of one Environmental Affairs Officer (20 percent) and one Environmental Specialist III (50 percent). The HCIDLA indicates that the Environmental Affairs Officer is currently funded with the Municipal Housing Finance Fund (MHFF) (65 percent), the

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (15 percent), the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (10 percent), and the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) (10 percent). The HCIDLA also indicates that the Environmental Specialist III is currently funded with MHFF (80 percent) and CDBG (20 percent).

The services provided by HCIDLA under the proposed agreement will be funded by HACLA's program proceeds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and possibly other program income. Prior to negotiation and execution of a new inter-agency agreement for professional environmental services, HCIDLA will conduct a fee analysis of the necessary costs for such services. The proposed fee include preliminary fee projections based on HCIDLA's direct labor costs for services provided to HACLA under the previous contract year, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the August 14, 2018 CAO report and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING COMMITTEE



| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| CEDILLO: | YES |
| KREKORIAN: | YES |
| HARRIS-DAWSON: | ABSENT |

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