

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to authority to submit a Brownfield grant application to the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for community area-wide assessment in Los Angeles.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. AUTHORIZE the Director, Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), or designee, to submit a Brownfield Grant Application FY14 to the USEPA for community area-wide assessment and cleanup funds (for up to \$600,000) in Los Angeles to fund Brownfield environmental services.
2. ADOPT the accompanying Resolution, as amended, authorizing the submittal of application for Brownfield community area-wide assessment grant.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board of Public Works reports that there is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund as a result of this option. Grant awards will be announced in April/May 2014 and the funds will be available from July 2014 - October 2017 on a reimbursement basis. There are no match requirements for this type of grant.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On December 4, 2013, your Committee considered an October 30, 2013 Board of Public Works (Board) report and Resolution relative to authority to submit a Brownfield grant application to the USEPA for community area-wide assessment in Los Angeles. According to the Board, the purpose of this Federal grant program is to assist in sustaining and restoring communities (and the ecological systems that support them) by providing financial assistance to assess contaminated property. Funding provided through this grant program is aimed at encouraging local solution to endemic Brownfield problems, creating new jobs, economic investment, and green space acreage. Brownfields community area-wide assessment funds may be used for conducting brownfield sites inventory, assessment, and cleanup planning.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend authorizing the Director, BOS, or designee, to submit a Brownfield Grant Application FY14 to the USEPA for community area-wide assessment and cleanup funds (for up to \$600,000) in Los Angeles to fund Brownfield environmental services and adoption of the accompanying Resolution, as amended, authorizing application for said grant. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER **VOTE**

FUENTES:

BLUMENFIELD:

LABONGE:

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KORETZ:

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