

MOTION

Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs), established by Senate Bill 628 (Beall), allow for the use of tax increment and other sources to finance public capital improvements or other projects of communitywide significance, including brownfield restoration, affordable housing and industrial development, public facilities, highways, streets, parking facilities and open space and recreational facilities. The City of Los Angeles continues to seek unique financing tools as federal and State sources for funding these types of improvements decrease. Strengthening the City's infrastructure is critical to reinforcing the foundation for economic growth in the City and EIFDs appear to be an important new tool.

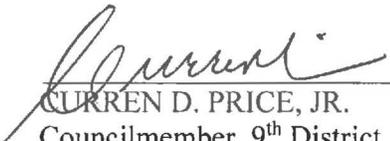
On February 27, 2015, the City Council adopted the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee report relative to the feasibility of creating an EIFD along the Los Angeles River to support restoration and maintenance of the river and river-adjacent communities (CF #14-1349). On March 17, 2015, the City Council adopted an Economic Workforce and Development Department (EWDD) report relative to creating an EIFD to fund economic development initiatives in Venice and instructed the EWDD to report back with a policy for establishing EIFDs and work with the interested Council offices to identify potential locations in their districts (CF #14-1439-S1).

To move forward, it is critical to identify the administrative costs associated with implementing and sustaining EIFDs. Further, it is important to understand any legal issues related to the establishment and implementation of EIFDS, including Proposition 218. Proposition 218, approved in 1996, establishes a distinction between general and specific taxes, and the different voting requirements, purposes, requirements and limitations of each.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Economic Workforce and Development Department, with assistance from the Chief Legislative Analyst, be directed to report in 60 days on the general strategy for creating Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be directed to report on the administrative costs and fiscal impact associated with establishing Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts and that the City Attorney be requested to identify any legal issues, including any associated with Proposition 218.

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