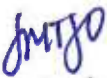


REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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To: Honorable Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

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2015-16 Proposed Budget Budget and Finance Committee Changes, as Proposed by the CLA

Transmitted herewith are our recommended changes to the Mayor's 2015-16 Proposed Budget. These recommendations reflect the discussion the Committee hearings, City Administrative Officer Memos, Departmental requests and additional analysis by this Office.

The most significant changes from the Proposed Budget are as follows:

- Provide additional funding for public safety-related expenditures including: Fire Safety equipment (\$1M), Fire-related technology improvements (\$.850M), resources to reduce the fingerprint backlog for the Police Department (\$.500M) and other Fire-related services (\$4.5M).
- Appropriate funds included in the Proposed Budget for two additional Firefighter training classes (\$4.5M)
- Provide resources to the Personnel Department to reduce the backlog of exams (\$1.23M), establish a Succession Planning Unit and related software (\$.509M) and digitize Personnel records (\$.081M).
- Restore funding for various programs for which Community Development Block Grant Funds are no longer available. Funds included in the Unappropriated Balance are transferred to the relevant Departments. Programs include: Aging Evidence Based Health Programs (\$.531M), AIDS Programs (\$.590M), Computerized Information Center (\$.175M), Day Laborer Program (\$.750M), various Youth programs (\$.907M), Domestic Violence Shelters (\$1.1M), FamilySource Centers - City run (\$1.0M), FamilySource Centers - non-profit run (\$.820M) Project SAVE (\$.548M), Commission support (\$.059M), Graffiti Removal (\$.693M), Clean and Green Program (\$.751M) and LA River Corps (\$.180M).
- Appropriate resources included in the Proposed Budget for tree trimming (\$2.5M).
- Provide funding for various Department of Disability programs (\$.260M)

- Provide funding various technology-related programs: Communications Electricians supporting the Police and Fire Dispatch Centers (\$.434M), 311 Customer Relationship Management System (\$.955M) and Department of Transportation Communication Center (\$.131M).
- Provide funding for public safety radio tower maintenance (\$.275M)
- Set aside funds for Neighborhood Council funding (\$.480M), to be allocated in accordance with recommendations to be developed by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and approved by the City Council.
- Provide additional resources to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to support the Neighborhood Council Funding Program (\$.129M), online voting (\$.275M) and development of a new rollover policy.
- Restore funding for the Neighborhood Conservation Program in the City Planning Department (\$.182M).
- Set aside funds for wage theft enforcement (\$.659M) and contingency funding for a sidewalk vending program currently under discussion (\$.500M).

These additions are made possible by the identification of additional net revenue in the amount of \$50M. In addition, various changes are made in departmental budgets to recognize the use of special funds, reductions based on anticipated savings, and other adjustments. The net result of all these actions will add \$21.5M to the Mayor's Proposed Reserve Fund, \$9M to the Mayor's Proposed Budget Stabilization Fund and \$7M to the Mayor's Proposed Reserve for Mid-year Adjustments.

The expenditure changes contained in our recommendations are limited to those which are of the highest priority identified by the Budget and Finance Committee, meet the City's Financial Policies and bolster reserves for future economic downturns.

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