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Each year, the City of Los Angeles spends millions of dollars purchasing goods and services. In recent years, the city has attempted to use that purchasing power strategically to spur economic development locally. The city has adopted several reports, ordinances and programs to encourage local, small, minority-owned and women-owned businesses to do business with the city. With the adoption of the Jobs and Business Advancement in Los Angeles Action Plan (Jobs Plan) in 2016, the city undertook its most extensive reform of the city's procurement process.

At the same time, the city has entered into a number of cooperative purchasing contracts through U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance (U.S. Communities), a government cooperative that reduces the cost of goods and services by aggregating the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. The advisory board for this alliance is made up of government purchasing officials from across the country, including officials from the city and county of Los Angeles.

The goal of U.S. Communities is to conduct a competitive process, select a vendor, negotiate a contract and make that contract available to all member public agencies. While U.S. Communities, and other purchasing cooperatives, can help the city purchase goods at reduced prices, it also excludes the majority of small local businesses. To compete for a U.S. Communities contract, a business must have the ability to supply public agencies across the United States. Few small local businesses have the ability to compete at this level.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, in consultation with the General Service Department, the Bureau of Contract Management and all other relevant departments, to report back in 60 days on how and when city departments are using contracts through U.S. Communities, and other cooperative agreements, and how these agreements impact the Council's goal of doing business with local businesses in Los Angeles.

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