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On April 8, 2015, the City introduced the Sustainable City Plan (pLAn), which among other things, calls for the creation of an anaerobic digester and/or food waste pre-processing facility to better manage organic waste by 2025. This facility would help divert organic waste from landfills and allow Los Angeles to become the first big city in the United States to achieve zero waste.

As part of the City’s long-term solid waste management objectives of increasing local infrastructure processing capacity and resiliency, the Los Angeles Sanitation (LASAN) will lead the development of the Central Los Angeles Recycling and Transfer Station (CLARTS) Organics Processing Facility Project (OPF). This facility will pre-process up to 300 tons per day of organic waste for the production of an organic slurry to be anaerobically digested at Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant for the production of renewable energy through the use of new and advanced treatment technologies.

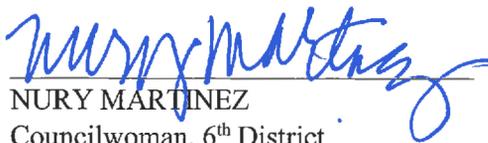
In recognition of this new and advanced solid waste management approach, LASAN is pursuing a turnkey project development model known as Design-Build-Finance-Maintain-Operate (DBFMO) to construct the facility. Under this development model much of the development and performance risks are shifted to the project developer who has the expertise and track record with such projects. The project development scope includes a 5-year operation period to ensure that any potential short-term corrections are addressed by the project developer before turning the facility over to LASAN.

Subsection (b) of Section 371 of the City Charter permits the letting of contracts pursuant to a competitive sealed proposal method, in accordance with criteria established by ordinance adopted by at least two-thirds of the City Council. This process also allows for the use of design-build or other appropriate project delivery systems when justified by the type of project and approved by the contracting authority.

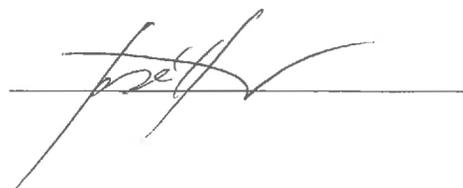
In an effort to secure costs, minimize City-risk, and assure timely delivery of a high quality product, LASAN proposes to use the DBFMO project delivery method in-lieu of the conventional design-bid-build project delivery method for the CLARTS OPF. Time is of the essence and it is in the best interest of the City to expedite implementation of the CLARTS OPF in order to provide the City with a locally sustainable food waste (organics) processing facility.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance allowing the Board of Public Works to let Design-Build-Finance-Maintain-Operate (DBFMO) contracts for the delivery of the Central Los Angeles Recycling and Transfer Station (CLARTS) Organics Processing Facility Project, pursuant to a competitive, sealed-proposal method.

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