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Summary: Support the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates call for Radical Transparency.

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To: City Council and Departments

The Palms Neighborhood Council supports the work of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their 2020 White Paper especially with respect to the recommendations for radical transparency.

1. Update the Four Year Budget Outlook to reflect the current budget reality including the projected deficits.
2. Require the Mayor to submit the budget to the City Council on or before February 1 rather than the current deadline of April 20. Each Department will then present its proposed budget and priorities to the appropriate City Council Committee. Afterwards, the Budget and Finance Committee will conduct hearings on each Department's budget.
3. All labor negotiations shall be open and transparent. Furthermore, the City shall solicit an independent opinion that analyzes the fiscal impact of any new labor contracts. Beginning 30 days after the release of the independent opinion and prior to approval, the City Council will conduct a series of public meetings to discuss the new labor contracts. Any new labor agreements shall not result in deficits.
4. Create a Pension Commission to review and analyze the City's pension and Other Postretirement Employment Benefit (OPEB) plans and develop recommendations to eliminate the unfunded liability over time.
5. Implement multiyear budgeting.
6. Develop a ten year infrastructure plan that includes, but is not limited to, streets, sidewalks, parks and their restrooms, trees, buildings, and vehicles. This will include plans for the Los Angeles River, the Civic Center, and the Convention Center.
7. Benchmark the efficiency of the City's Departments and operations.
8. Implement a plan to increase the City's Reserve and Budget Stabilization Funds to an amount equal to 10% of its General Fund Revenues.
9. Establish an independent Office of Transparency and Accountability to oversee the budget and other related matters in real time.
10. Develop solutions to balance the budget over the next four years and eliminate the Structural Deficit.