BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed modifications to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Budget.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. APPROVE the Recommendations in the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) report dated June 29, 2020 [attached to Council file (C.F.) No. 20-0600], as amended.

2. AMEND Recommendation No. 5d to Allocate $5 million in Measure M funding related to the budgeted Pavement Preservation Program to the Unappropriated Balance (UB); and INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and Bureau of Street Services to report with potential projects to the Council, with the option to transfer the $5 million for Pavement Preservation costs and transfer resulting General Fund savings to the Reserve Fund if the projects do not meet the satisfaction of the Council.

3. REFER Recommendation No. 6 in the matter of providing $75 million in cashflow to reimburse the City’s share of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-eligible and non-FEMA eligible activities from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Securities (CARES) Act during 2020-21 for programs initiated in 2019-20, to the Ad Hoc on COVID-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment Committee.

4. DELETE the following resolution authorities as part of the Transportation and Community Improvements Grants Program: two Maintenance and Construction Helpers, one Cement Finisher Worker, two Cement finishers, one Equipment Operator, one Carpenter, and one Plumber; and add the following positions with no additional funding: one Street Services Superintendent II, two Street Services Superintendent I, one Street Services Supervisor II and one Civil Engineering Associate III (CF 20-0600-S12).

5. ADD a Technical Adjustment for the Department of Cannabis Regulation to add resolution authority for four Management Analysts and two Senior Administrative Clerks to support the Department's activities. Delete resolution authority for four Management Assistants and two Administrative Clerks. These positions are fully funded by the Cannabis Regulation Special Revenue Trust Fund, and are assumed in and funded through the comprehensive fee study recently adopted by the Council (C.F. 20-0777).

6. INCREASE funding ($433,000) to the Board of Public Works - Contractual Services for graffiti abatement to be funded from the Unappropriated Balance, Reserve for Mid-Year Adjustments line item.

7. REFER Recommendation No. 72, in the matter of a position to serve as a Labor Relations Advocate, to the Budget and Finance Committee.

8. REFER Recommendation No. 60, in the matter of restoring funding to the Animal Sterilization Trust Fund for spay/neuter services, to the Budget and Finance Committee.
9. AMEND Recommendation No. 66, in the matter of adding funding for re-entry case management services for Asian-American Drug Abuse Program, First-to-Serve, and Community Reflections ($50,000 for each program), to delete the potential use of the Justice Fund; and, REFER the matter to the Budget and Finance Committee (C.F. 20-0600-S17).

10. AMEND and APPROVE Recommendation No. 73 to restore resolution authority and nine-months funding for Urban Forestry Division positions (two Tree Surgeon Supervisor Is, three Tree Surgeon Assistants and one Equipment Operator) in order to avoid cuts to the Urban Forestry program to be dedicated to tree trimming for Street Lighting purposes (C.F. 20-0600-S28). Said funding ($500K) to come from the Street Lighting Assessment Maintenance Fund contractual services and the positions to be used for Street Lighting purposes only.

11. REFER Recommendation No. 75, in the matter of a $1.5 million transfer from Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Overtime for Vision Zero Enforcement to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation's (LADOT) Vision Zero educational outreach and campaign messaging efforts, to the Transportation and Budget and Finance Committees.

12. AMEND Recommendation No. R10, to instruct the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and CLA, to report on the use of CARES Act funding for EWDD staff costs, LA RISE, summer youth programs, day laborer centers and other critical EWDD functions, and also determine FEMA eligibility for EWDD programs and activities, to include a report on the Small Business Emergency Loan Program and the BusinessSource Centers.

13. APPROVE the following recommendations relative to proposed reductions to the LAPD, Recommendations 10, 11, and Attachment 1 of said CLA report:
   
a. Amend Recommendation No. 10 to make an additional reduction of $16.268 million to the Sworn Overtime budget so that the total reduction equals $150 million.

b. Substitute Recommendation No. 11 as follows:
   
   i. Allocate a sum of $90 million to a new UB Line Item entitled UB Reserve for Preservation of City Services, Reinvestment in Disadvantaged Communities and Communities of Color, Reimagining Public Safety Service Delivery, and Target Local Hire (TLH) Program,

   ii. Allocate a sum of $10 million to EWDD for Summer Youth Employment and Workforce Development, to benefit youth from disadvantaged communities and communities of color, with an instruction for Summer Youth Employment to be the priority expense, and EWDD to report with their plan to spend any remaining balances consistent with this instruction.

   iii. Allocate a sum of $40 million to a new UB line item entitled UB Reduction of Furloughs.

   iv. Allocate any remaining balance to the UB Reserve for Mid-Year
Adjustments.

c. Exempt the TLH Program from the hiring freeze and encourage General Managers to continue to hire from the TLH Program and expand it to the extent possible.

d. Instruct all Departments that make TLH hires to report those costs to the CAO for funding from the UB line item that includes TLH.

14. AMEND Recommendation No. 15 in said CLA Report to include other Federal reimbursements.

15. EXEMPT the Office of Public Accountability (OPA) from furloughs, the hiring freeze and any contracting restrictions placed upon them by the Mayor’s directives, given the unique role played by OPA in the Charter, and the fact that 100 per cent of its costs are covered by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

16. ADD resolution authority with funding (approximately $300,000) for four Management Analyst positions that are to work on the implementation of the Jobs and Economic Development Incentive (JEDI) Zones Program, to be funded by the Economic Development Trust Fund.

17. INSTRUCT the Department of Cultural Affairs to set aside $100,000 of new mural funding for the preservation and conservation of existing murals.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

For: Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Palms Neighborhood Council
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

For, if amended: Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council
Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council

Against: Zapata-King Neighborhood Council
Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council
Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council
Atwater Village Neighborhood Council
Del Rey Neighborhood Council

Against, unless amended: Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council
Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council
Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
Wilmington Neighborhood Council
Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council
SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on June 29, 2020, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a CLA report dated June 29, 2020, relative to proposed modifications to the FY 2020-21 Budget (attached to C.F. No. 20-0600). Said CLA report provided recommendations, as requested by the Budget and Finance Committee in a series of meetings in June, 2020.

The CLA provided the Budget and Finance Committee with an overview of their report. During further discussion of said report, Chair and Members made amendments, technical corrections, and requested clarification on the proposed modifications. The CAO and departmental representatives were also asked for further clarification and details of the proposed modifications and their respective departments.

After further consideration, and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved the recommendations by the CLA as amended, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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