

**MOTION**

According to the Controller's Office, the City of Los Angeles has lost an estimated 300,000 jobs in the past two months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Data for the 7th Council District shows that job losses total over 25,500. For those already unemployed or underemployed, the pandemic has made a tough situation worse. In these trying times, the City must think creatively in order to encourage employment opportunities. Infrastructure projects can offer the opportunity to train local residents in construction, project management, and design skills that can result in future living-wage employment.

The Bureau of Street Services has identified a number of locations throughout the district with either deteriorating sidewalks or suitable locations to add sidewalks to the streetscape. The City received over \$725 million in federal funding from the CARES Act for the response to COVID-19. The Bureau of Street Services and the Economic and Workforce Development Department should study and report on the feasibility of using federal funding to create an economic recovery and job training pilot program centered around the repair and installation of sidewalks in the district.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services, with the assistance of the Economic and Workforce Development Department and the Chief Legislative Analyst, BE DIRECTED to allocate \$1 million of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding to create an economic recovery and job training pilot program centered around the repair and installation of sidewalks in the 7th Council District.

I FURTHER MOVE the Bureau of Street Services, with the assistance of the Economic and Workforce Development Department and the Chief Legislative Analyst, BE DIRECTED to prepare the pilot to expand to other socioeconomically vulnerable areas of the City with additional Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding.

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