

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a summary of the Tax Penalty Amnesty Program Fiscal Year 2020-21 and related actions.

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

1. INSTRUCT the Office of Finance (Finance) to move forward with implementing a Tax Penalty Amnesty Program with a window of October 1, 2020 through December 18, 2020.
2. REQUEST the Office of the City Attorney to draft, and present an ordinance, similar to the attachment in the report, dated August 20, 2020, attached to the Council file, to effectuate the Tax Penalty Amnesty Program as proposed by Finance.
3. INSTRUCT the Office of the City Administrative Officer to immediately evaluate the request to unfreeze 10 Tax Compliance Officer positions.
4. AUTHORIZE Finance to spend \$95,000 on a public outreach and communications campaign.
5. INSTRUCT Finance to prepare a report with the businesses that participated in the Tax Penalty Amnesty Program in 2009, 2013, and that will participate in 2020, to determine if there are any repeat businesses on the list, and if so, how to reconcile prior to approving a future amnesty program.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Finance anticipates the Tax Penalty Amnesty Program will have a positive General Fund impact of approximately \$15 million to \$20 million during the 2020-21 Fiscal Year.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

#### SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on August 24, 2020, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a Finance report dated August 20, 2020, attached to the Council file, relative to a summary of the Tax Penalty Amnesty Program Fiscal Year 2020-21 and related actions to assist taxpayers in meeting outstanding tax obligations during these current economic conditions.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved the recommendations in the Finance report, as amended, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

<b><u>MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE</u></b>
KREKORIAN:	YES
PRICE:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BONIN:	YES

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