

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the LAwell Civilian Benefits Program trust fund review for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the September 18, 2020 Personnel Department reports relative to the LAwell Civilian Benefits Program trust fund review for FY 2019-20.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On October 21, 2020, your Committee a considered September 18, 2020 Personnel Department report relative to the LAwell Civilian Benefits Program trust fund review for FY 2019-20. According to the Personnel Department, it administers the City's LAwell Civilian Benefits Program (LAwell Program) for active City civilian employees and their qualified dependents in conjunction with the City's Joint Labor Management Benefits Committee (JLMBC). The JLMBC is composed of five management and five labor representatives. The JLMBC was created in 1990 by action of the City Council and Mayor for the purpose of determining what plans were to be included in the Civilian Benefits Program, defining the structure of benefit plans, and recommending service providers to the General Manager of the Personnel Department. The mission of the LAwell Program is to promote employee health and wellness with competitive benefits at a reasonable level relative to the City's financial capacity.

Currently, the LAwell Program covers approximately 26,100 employees and 33,200 dependents. On January 7, 1997, the City established an Employee Benefits Trust Fund (Trust Fund) under Los Angeles Administrative Code Division 4, Chapter 95 (Chapter 95). The purpose of the Trust Fund is for the receipt and retention of employer and employee contributions for the LAwell Program. The Trust Fund operates as a temporary pass-through account for the funding of premium payments to benefit service providers. Funding sources include General Fund and proprietary transfers for employer-paid costs, employee contributions for supplemental coverage, and interest earnings. Other onetime potential revenue sources that have occurred in the past or may occur in the future include refunds of premiums from participating insurance contracts or legal settlements. The Trust Fund also issues payments to benefit service providers, salary reimbursements for positions authorized for reimbursement by the JLMBC, contractual service payments, travel, and internal administrative expenses.

A representative from the Personnel Department provided an overview of the Trust Fund's current status and answered questions from the Committee members. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to receive and file the reports. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

KORETZ: YES

LEE: YES

PRICE: ABSENT

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