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Wed, Apr 30, 2025 at 8:30 AM

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From: **Emelia Hennessy** <erhenne@umich.edu>
Date: Wed, Apr 30, 2025 at 5:28 AM
Subject: Public Comment: \$5M Long COVID Line-Item to Prevent \$3B in Losses (CF 25-0600)
To: <CityClerk@lacity.org>, <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>, <katy.yaroslavsky@lacity.org>
Cc: <Councilmember.Blumenfield@lacity.org>, <DOD.Contact@lacity.org>, <controller.mejia@lacity.org>, <councilmember.hernandez@lacity.org>, <councilmember.mcosker@lacity.org>, <heather.hutt@lacity.org>

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Best,
Emelia Hennessy
91344

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From: **Gabriela Juarez** <gabriela@juarez@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Apr 30, 2025 at 6:36 AM
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Council File Number: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting:

Re: Opposition to the City Planning climate and environmental justice related budget cuts proposed by Mayor Bass Honorable Chair Yaroslavsky and Budget and Finance Committee members, As a member of EAA, a civil servant for City Planning going on 20 years of service, and a resident of the City, I respectfully ask that you reinstate the proposed cuts to the City Planning Department's Environmental Justice Policy Unit, Office of Racial Justice and Equity, Boyle Heights Community Planning team and Wilmington Community Planning team. These work programs have been pivotal in closing the gaps in service to our historically underserved communities throughout our City. They are the City's best examples of how to do authentic and meaningful engagement. The staff in these units are not only tasked with the work programs in those titles but they also work on numerous assignments that are not captured in those assignments because there is not enough capacity elsewhere in the department or in other departments. For example, I am not only tasked with working on the department's climate equity work leading the City's first Climate Vulnerability Assessment and serving on several citywide wildfire recovery and floodplain plan update taskforces, and also supporting the Environmental Justice Policy team and the Open Space Element Update work, I am also tasked with other assignments outside of this Unit. I am tasked with monitoring Advanced Aerial Mobility so that the

City is able to keep abreast on the evolving technology and what it would mean for the City. I am tasked with responding to various council motions regarding citywide policies as well as drafting the City's Annual Progress Report for the State reporting requirements and provide support to integrate climate resiliency in our Olympics planning and preparations. I am also assigned to updating the Safety Element to include the newly adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan so that the City can be eligible for additional disaster relief funds from the State under AB2140 as part of the wildfire recovery efforts that the Emergency Management Department and City critically need. Similarly, my colleagues are also given multiple assignments that are not reflected in the Unit and in the department's organizational chart. As such, eliminating this unit and the other units not only would stop the much needed work that provide equity to our underserved communities and ensure the City's resiliency but it would also cut the other work that responds to the City Council's directions to our department, support to international events, support in obtaining millions of dollars for wildfire recovery, support in meeting annual State reporting requirements, work to keep the City knowledgeable and prepared for emerging land use and transportation technologies and countless other miscellaneous work programs, reports and functions that other staff do not have capacity to accomplish and complete. One of the most essential functions we perform is to provide context, continuity and the policy perspective across departments. We bring the lens of the voices of the community as well as the technical knowledge contextualizing implementation for other departments with equity. Cutting these units in City Planning would not only stunt Los Angeles from being the innovative, progressive, and premiere leader that the world looks to for equity and resiliency but also create a severely inequitable distribution of public services to Angelenos. With appreciation for your consideration, Gabriela Juarez, AICP

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From: **Tanya Vidhyarkorn** <tanyav@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Apr 30, 2025 at 12:49 AM

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From: 'Cel Koi' via Clerk - CityClerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>

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Respectfully,
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