

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your

BUDGET AND FINANCE Committee

reports as follows:

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to waiving permitting fees for four pilot parklets.

SUBMITS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION the following recommendation of the Motion (Huizar – Buscaino), SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

DIRECT the Departments of Public Works and Transportation to waive all permitting fees associated with the four pilot parklets approved by Council on August 24, 2012 (Council file no. [11-1604](#)).

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Public Works and Transportation Committees waived consideration of the above matter)

SUMMARY

At its meeting of December 10, 2012, the Budget and Finance Committee considered Motion (Huizar – Buscaino) relative to waiving permitting fees and assuming general liability for four pilot parklets. The Motion states that on August 24, 2012, the City Council directed the Departments to issue permits for four demonstration parklet projects in Council District (CD) 14 to allow for their completion, review, and evaluation by December 31, 2012. The City Council further directed the Department of Transportation (DOT) to execute a memoranda of understanding with community partners setting forth the terms and conditions of the pilot parklets. Permits and MOUs are still pending due to complications with respect to liability, indemnification, and permitting fees.

The Motion further states that the City should alleviate unnecessary cost burdens on volunteer community partners and encourage the creation of quality neighborhood public spaces. The city will then undertake a review of all policies and provisions associated with the pilot programs, to determine best practices for the future citywide parklet program.

During Committee consideration, a representative of Council District 14 and the DOT provided an overview of this pilot parklet program and responded to related questions from Committee members. The Committee approved CD 14's request to delete the second recommendation of the Motion relative to the City assuming general liability for these parklets. Additionally, the Committee expressed enthusiasm and support for a citywide parklet program. However, the Committee had some concerns regarding suspending the Council's established policy for fee waivers. To mitigate delays in proceeding with this matter, the Committee recommended to submit this to Council without a recommendation to allow time for the Council Office to explore other funding options and request a joint City Administrative Officer/Chief Legislative Analyst

report, as required by Council policy, prior to Council's consideration. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN:	YES
ENGLANDER:	YES
CARDENAS:	YES
ROSENDAHL:	YES
KORETZ:	YES

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