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REPORT RE:

**LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO EXTEND
THE TERM OF AN EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT WITH FRIENDS OF
HOMEBOY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON
901 AND 903 N. MAIN STREET
(COUNCIL DISTRICT 1)**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 18-0930

Honorable Members:

The Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) submitted its Council Transmittal (Transmittal) dated September 16, 2024, requesting City Council authority to extend the term of an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with Friends of Homeboy, LLC (FOH) relating to the proposed development of two parcels of City-owned land at 901 and 903 North Main Street in Council District 1 (Project). LAHD's Transmittal requests that City Council extend the ENA for one year from its current expiration date of November 4, 2024, to November 4, 2025, with an option to extend the ENA expiration date an additional year to November 4, 2026 if necessary to enable FOH to finalize the terms of a Disposition & Development Agreement (DDA) for the Project. The Transmittal also notes that competitive bidding (RFP/Q) is typically used under these circumstances to select the most qualified entity to develop City-owned land.

The ENA was initially awarded to FOH in October 2020 without competitive bidding, with an initial one-year term and one option to extend the term of the ENA for

90 days. This sole source contract was intended to facilitate the successful negotiation of a DDA with FOH before February 2022, otherwise the ENA was set to expire by February 2022 if a DDA was not successfully negotiated by that time.

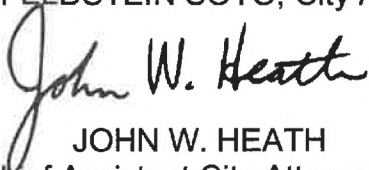
Any extension, renewal, or ratification of the ENA at this time would require compliance with the competitive bidding requirements of City Charter § 371, which mandates the issuance of an RFP/Q as standard practice under these circumstances as noted in LAHD's Transmittal, unless the requisite findings are made pursuant to Charter § 371 to support exceptions to competitive bidding.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Chief Assistant City Attorney John Heath on (213) 978-8209 or via email at John.Heath@lacity.org. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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