

MOTION

An investment in a public bank is a short term expenditure with long term, long lasting financial benefit. The City and its elected officials have definitively supported on multiple occasions the research needed to see if establishing a public bank in the City of LA is feasible and financially viable; on no less than three occasions over six years Council has voted unanimously to support forward motion (CF 19-1235). There is a precedent set for this financial model by the State of North Dakota - having established a public bank in 1919, and having weathered multiple financial crises due to its ability to leverage assets against itself and be independent from broader markets and federal level changes. Based on study of North Dakota's success and thoughtful analysis of the particular challenges and circumstances of the City, there is potential to create a powerful tool for economic development and budget stability for Los Angeles.

This coming fiscal year in the City of LA has shown the importance of sustainable, flexible funding sources to ensure that the City has the cash needed to maintain core city services and the workforce behind those services. A Public Bank will allow for the holding, and accruing, of flexible money and financing products that can sustain the City in moments of fiscal precarity. It also offers a funding source that can provide the needs of constituents without having to raise their taxes.

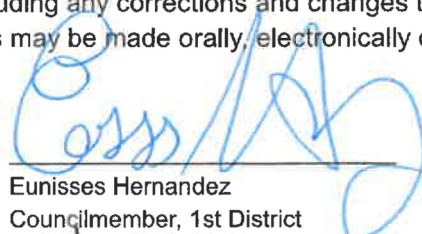
Council districts 1, 14, and 13 understand this necessary investment to see the long term benefits of financial independence and are all providing \$15,000 each in discretionary funding to contribute the first tranche of money needed to move forward with the feasibility study.

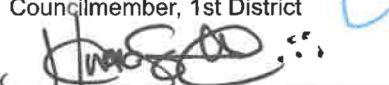
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst to confirm with the consultants selected to conduct the study, as outlined in CF 19-1235, that the scope of work and timeline provided in the RFP response will be maintained.


I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to place on the Council Agenda for July 1, 2025, or soon thereafter as possible, the following recommendations for adoption:

- Appropriate / transfer \$15,000 from the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281201 (CD 1 Redevelopment Projects - Services), \$15,000 from the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281213 (CD 13 Redevelopment Projects - Services), and \$15,000 from the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281214 (CD 14 Redevelopment Projects - Services) [TOTAL: \$45,000] to the City Administrative Officer Fund No. 100-10, Account No. 3040 (Contractual Services) for the Public Bank Feasibility Study Phase I as outlined in CF 19-1235;
- Authorize the City Administrative Officer to make any corrections, clarifications, or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections / clarifications / changes may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

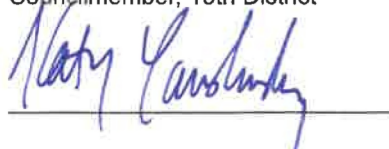
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