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Summary:

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RE: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21 deemed approved pursuant to Charter Section 313 Council File: 20-0600

Los Angeles City Council
City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable members of the Los Angeles City Council,

Zapata-King Neighborhood Council (ZKNC) in Council District 9 supports the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their 2020 White Paper regarding the recommendations for transparency and the following under Council File 20-600:

1. Update the Four Year Budget Outlook to reflect the current budget reality including the projected deficits.
2. Require the Mayor to submit the budget to the City Council on or before February 1 rather than the current deadline of April 20. Each Department will present its proposed budget and priorities to the appropriate City Council Member(s) and City Council Committee(s). Afterwards, the Budget and Finance Committee will conduct hearings on each Department’s proposed budgets.
3. All labor negotiations shall be open and transparent. Furthermore, the City shall solicit an independent opinion that analyzes the fiscal impact of any new labor contracts. Beginning 30 days after the release of the independent opinion and prior to approval, the City Council will conduct a series of public meetings to discuss the new labor contracts. Any new labor agreements shall not result in deficits.
4. Create a Pension Commission to review and analyze the City’s pension and Other Postretirement Employment Benefit (OPEB) plans and develop recommendations to eliminate the unfunded liability over time.
5. Implement multiyear budgeting.

6. Develop a ten-year infrastructure plan that includes, but is not limited to, streets, sidewalks, parks and their restrooms, trees, buildings, and vehicles. This will include plans for the Los Angeles River, the Civic Center, and the Convention Center.
7. Benchmark the efficiency of the City's Departments and operations.
8. Implement a plan to increase the City's Reserve and Budget Stabilization Funds to an amount equal to 10% of its General Fund Revenues.
9. Establish an independent Office of Transparency and Accountability to oversee the budget and other related matters in real time.
10. Develop solutions to balance the budget over the next four years and eliminate the Structural Deficit

Summary: Each year the Budget Advocates make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council. The ZKNC supports recommendations made in the Budget Advocates' 2020 White Paper.

Thank you for your consideration,

Zapata-King Neighborhood Council