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Comments for Public Posting: FILE NO. 20-1202 ITEM 21 Historically, throughout the entire history of Watts, official representation has been inadequate. Discrimination continues through today to undermine the hopes and dreams of the people of Watts. Council actions lack transparency and comprehensive information. Complex budgets and matters that impact Watts are presented ambiguously when millions upon millions of dollars are passed with little conjecture by the people of Watts. Routine communication with DONE and other City Agencies is impeded by an antiquated and inadequate internet system. Therefore, the Watts Area Residents hereby OPPOSE the following: In regards to amendment No. 4, the fiscal impact statement reads: The Board of Police Commissioners (Board) reports that the HACLA will provide the LAPD an additional reimbursement sum up to \$875,000.00 to continue to operate the CSP Program during the extension period of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The total reimbursement sum under the MOA, Amendment Nos. 1 through 4, shall not exceed \$8,957,000. Amendments 1-3 have not been included for review in order to make an informed decision on the total 8,957,000 million dollar allocation. The issue of Police harassment, with threats of eviction, especially towards African Americans and people of color in the Nickerson Gardens, Jordan Downs, Imperial Courts, and Gonzaque Village housing projects needs to be addressed by HACLA, CSP, and LAPD with the Watts Area Residents.

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