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Los Angeles, CA 90012

**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY COMMENTS ON THE MAYOR'S
FY 2021-22 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Honorable Chair and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee:

As requested by the Chair of Budget and Finance Committee in his letter dated April 9, 2021, the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) respectfully transmits its comments regarding the Mayor's FY 2021-22 Proposed Budget.

LADBS fully supports the Mayor's Proposed Budget. The Mayor's Proposed Budget provides the necessary resources for LADBS to provide the critical services as the City emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. It also allows LADBS to effectively manage and continue to provide services crucial to the City's recovery efforts. The LADBS would like to take this opportunity to thank the Mayor and his staff for their continuing support.

The LADBS is funded primarily by the LADBS Building Permit Enterprise Fund for new construction functions and the General Fund for code enforcement functions. New construction valuation has increased by approximately 18% over the past five fiscal years, from \$6.6 billion in FY 2015-16 to \$7.8 billion in FY 2019-20, even as the City experienced significant impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic during the last quarter of FY 2019-20. The resources proposed in LADBS budget reflect fiscal stewardship, equity, inclusivity, and reconstitution.

We look forward to discussing the Proposed Budget with the Committee and addressing any questions or concerns from the Chair and Committee members. Should you need assistance or additional information ahead of our hearing, I can be reached

at (213) 482-6800. For additional details, you may also contact Ana Mae Yutan, Assistant General Manager and Chief of LADBS Resource Management Bureau, at (213) 482-6703.



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