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RE: COUNCIL FILE TRANSMITTAL

On August 28, 2024, the Housing and Homelessness Committee considered a Joint Report from Department of City Planning, Department of Transportation, Bureau of Street Services, and Economic and Workforce Development Department relative to current programs and potential approaches to create more affordable and sustainable residential and mixed-use opportunities on commercial infill sites., Council file No. 21-1230-S2. After consideration, the Committee moved to approve the following recommendations, as amended:

1. DIRECT the Department of City Planning (DCP) to incorporate the Livable Communities Initiative zoning strategies in active rezoning efforts, including Community Plan updates and the Citywide Housing Incentive Program.
2. INSTRUCT the DCP, Department of Transportation (LADOT), Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Services (BSS), and Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) to develop a cross-departmental Livable Communities Initiative (LCI) Pilot program in 10-15 locations to connect mixed-income housing opportunities in transit-rich corridors with public realm amenities such as wider sidewalks, improved tree canopy, outdoor dining, bicycle infrastructure, transit shelters, and other placemaking strategies that support a holistic vision for

sustainable, livable communities. Of the 10-15 locations to be selected in the Pilot program, the report recommends pilot corridors be identified in both high opportunity areas and low resource areas with high density, where public improvements should be prioritized.

The LCI Pilot program will facilitate public engagement across multiple City geographies to identify suitable zoning strategies that encourage housing and corresponding public realm enhancements. Utilizing an equity framework for identifying candidate locations, the Livable Communities Initiative will build upon active work programs, including the Citywide Housing Incentive Program and Community Plan Program, and evaluate new candidate areas for inclusion. This effort should result in the creation of an equity-driven Livable Communities Initiative Selection Criteria during Year 1 that can be used by City Departments to identify potential LCI corridors based on factors including, but not limited to: walkability, housing opportunities, economic vitality, mobility, and other City equity metrics and indices endorsed by the City Council and relevant City Departments.

3. ADD funding and position authorities for staffing resources for the key implementing departments:
 - a. Nine DCP positions:
 - i. (1) Senior City Planner, Community Planning Bureau
 - ii. (2) City Planner, Citywide and Community Planning Bureaus
 - iii. (5) City Planning Associate, Citywide Planning and Community Planning Bureaus
 - iv. (1) Management Analyst Contractual Services Funding
 - b. Six LADOT positions:
 - i. (1) Supervising Transportation Planner I
 - ii. (3) Transportation Planning Associate II
 - iii. (2) Transportation Engineering Associate II Contractual Services Funding
 - c. Three BSS positions:
 - i. (1) One Civil Engineer
 - ii. (1) One Civil Engineering Associate II
 - iii. (1) One Landscape Architectural Associate II
 - d. Four EWDD positions:
 - i. (1) Principal Project Coordinator (0.5 FTE)
 - ii. (1) Management Analyst (0.5 FTE)

iii. (1) Accountant (0.1 FTE)

iv. (1) Auditor II (0.1 FTE) Contractual Services Funding

Positions will be funded by the General Fund to initiate a two-year Livable Communities Initiative Pilot work program that will result in Livable Communities plans for 10-15 locations

4. DIRECT the DCP to pursue outside funding sources to supplement contractual services to support a Livable Communities Initiative Pilot program. City Council approval will be necessary for grant acceptance.
5. DIRECT the DCP, LADOT, BSS, and EWDD to submit joint budget requests for resource needs to advance design development and implementation of the public realm and infrastructure elements identified during the two-year Livable Communities Initiative Pilot.

This file is now transmitted to the Personnel, Audits, and Hiring Committee, Planning and Land Use Management Committee, Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee, Transportation Committee, and the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee.



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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RAMAN:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	ABSENT
PADILLA:	YES
DE LEON:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES

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