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Honorable Members of the Budget and Finance Committee
Office of the City Clerk
200 North Spring Street, City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the 2022-23 Proposed Budget for the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO; C.F. 22-0600).

The Council and Mayor graciously provided my Office several new positions during 2021-22, most notably a package of resources to incorporate equity, performance management, and innovation in all City services. These interim resources are continued in the 2022-23 Proposed Budget, and I am working to fill the positions in 2021-22. The 2022-23 Proposed Budget also adds some new resources to address increased workload in other areas, including oversight for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games and our Attorney Conflicts Panel program, and also provides funding for a Van Nuys Parking Lot Plan. I also welcome the opportunity to enhance our City's procurement processes through the transfer of the Citywide Procurement Oversight function to my Office. My Office will absorb the modest budgetary reductions to the best our ability. I have no requested changes to the CAO's 2022-23 Proposed Budget.

My staff and I look forward to working with the Committee, the City Council, and City departments over the next month to help you adopt a progressive and sustainable 2022-23 budget that provides quality City services. The CAO will continue to provide fiscally prudent and practical advice, supporting our shared goals of fiscal stewardship and innovation, to help guide our City out of the COVID-19 Pandemic and into continued prosperity.

Thank you for this opportunity to address the Committee. If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 473-7534.

Sincerely,

Matthew W. Szabo
City Administrative Officer