Name: Elda Diaz

Date Submitted: 05/20/2024 09:15 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to thank you for the opportunity to share my experiences and concerns in Boyle Heights CD#14. Here are some key issues affecting our area: 1. Law Enforcement Support: Request in increase in support for local law enforcement with more patrols, dispatchers, and resources. 2. Lack of Parking: Residents struggle to find parking due to an excessive number of vehicles that overflow from large apartment complexes and multi-unit properties. This restricts all resident's ability to leave their homes for essential activities. Policies should require developers and apartment complexes to provide parking for tenants and regulate RV parking in residential areas. 3. Housing Policies: LA City housing department should support homeowners against predatory tenants that are destructive to property and or causing code violations. As it stands now housing department communicates it only serves tenants and not homeowners. 4. Trash Pick-Up: Street sweepers come infrequently, and trash is not regularly collected from city streets. 5. Homelessness: Enforcement of city ordinances against encampments on all city sidewalks and parks especially near schools and routes to schools which jeopardize the safety of children and families due to drug and alcohol activities. 6. Broken Sidewalks: Sidewalks need repair and are non compliant per ADA accessibility. 7. Streetlights: More streetlights are needed for better visibility and safety. Add more streetlights and crossing light at cross walks. 8. Graffiti: There is a significant increase in graffiti. 9. Community Beautification: Restart the tree planting program paused since COVID-19 and trim overgrown trees that pose safety hazards; obstruct streetlights and street sweeping access. I look forward to working together to improve our community.

Name: Brianna

Date Submitted: 05/20/2024 09:29 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support the continued funding for youth development programs.

I am happy that the budget continues to funds programs for the

youth through YouthSource Centers and HIRE LA. I have

personally benefited from my local YouthSource Center and their programming and I am happy that others will be able to have access to the same resources. Please support funding being allocated to this through the Mayor's proposed budget.

Matthew N. Crawford - Vice President, Voices Neighborhood Name:

Council

Date Submitted: 05/20/2024 09:42 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council, Having served for almost 5 years with the Voices Neighborhood Council, I know firsthand it is of utmost importance for the City Council to empower its Neighborhood Councils to be able to do more, sorely needed work in our communities. First, I charge you to approve our budget rollover, which every year is always a matter of vote. This will allow better flexibility and confidence for the upcoming fiscal year. There is growing pressure and demand from the public, as more of them discover the intricacies of the NC system, for us to take a bolder stance on community issues and having all available funding at our disposal is critical to our continued improvement of this great city. Secondly, and this is a much bigger ask, I charge the City Council to both not further reduce our annual budgets, but also consider expanding them. So many non-profit entities come to Voices and I pains me to have to be so stringent on the dollars we spend, not because it's not worthwhile to do so, but because we cannot do as much good for as many people as when I first served 5 years almost ago. I am not asking for drastic increases. But adding about 10% back to our budgets is something I think is a reasonable start to help the NC system better do what was intended; and that is to directly improve, empower, and support it's populace. On behalf of myself, a South LA resident and behalf of the Voices of 90037, I ask that the LA City Council make an investment into a system I know you all believe in.

Name: Reina Mccaughey

Date Submitted: 05/20/2024 09:56 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please continue funding programs for the benefit of the unhoused.

Please find a solution to provide immediate shelter for those in need. Create an integrated real time network to support those seeking shelter, including assigning each person with a real case number accessible by everyone who is working to provide assistance to them. Create a central network where the homeless

person can reach out for status updates. Fund local resources which are needed to sustain those in need while they wait for

shelter and help.

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/20/2024 02:08 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Subject Line: DVHSC thanks you for supporting survivors Dear City Council, The Domestic Violence and Homeless Services Coalition ("DVHSC") thanks you for supporting survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking who are experiencing homelessness in the City Budget. Since 2016, DVHSC has grown to include over 800 individuals representing 244 community-based organizations, government officials, philanthropic circles, and individuals with lived experience of homelessness and domestic violence. We have become the largest coalition of our kind across the nation creating a client-centered system that increases access to safe housing and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence and their families We greatly appreciate the Budget and Finance Committee for their inclusion of \$6.5 million to bridge the gap in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding. Nationwide funding cuts for VOCA are set to have devastating impacts on survivors and service providers. Council's leadership in bridging this gap will go a long way in supporting survivors in Los Angeles. We also thank the Committee for their inclusion of \$2 million for the expansion of shelter services and opening of new shelters for survivors. With the number of people experiencing homelessness due to fleeing domestic violence increasing 54% in the past year, we know the need for services, shelter, and housing for survivors is skyrocketing. Nearly 40% of the adult homeless population in Los Angeles has experienced domestic violence, or intimate partner violence, a 7% increase from 2022. Echoing the Point In Time Count, the 2022 Los Angeles County Women's Needs Assessment found that 48.4% of women experiencing homelessness had experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and within this group, nearly half cited this experience as a cause of their homelessness. This funding is a great step on the path to ending homelessness for survivors. We appreciate your continued dedication to ending homelessness in Los Angeles and hope to continue to collaborate in supporting survivors.

Name: Adam D. Stevenson

Date Submitted: 05/20/2024 02:32 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Pastor Adam D. Stevenson, and I am the pastor of

Warren Chapel CME Church in San Pedro, California. I also serve on the Northwest Neighborhood Council. In my role, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges our community faces with homelessness, encampments, and RVs. I am writing to express my support for Mayor Karen Bass's new budget, particularly the Inside Safe program. This initiative has proven to be an effective

solution in addressing the homelessness crisis in our

neighborhood. I have heard numerous stories from community advocates on the frontlines in this effort and have expressed publicly how this initiative has provided much-needed relief and hope to those previously living on the streets or in vehicles. This program exemplifies the kind of strategic investment that

enhances the well-being and prosperity of our city. I firmly believe that continued support and funding for Inside Safe will further advance our efforts to tackle homelessness in a meaningful and sustainable way. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. Respectfully submitted, Adam D. Stevenson Pastor, Warren Chapel CME Church Member, Northwest Neighborhood

Council San Pedro, California

Name: Richard Reyes

Date Submitted: 05/20/2024 11:11 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: In regards to the Mayor's proposed budget for 2024 - 2025, I find

it incredibly disheartening to see that funding for Youth Development equals .0004% of the budget for the year. As a native Angeleno and nonprofit executive director, I strongly urge a renewed focus on increased investment in programs that support youth directly from the City. There are many organizations in Los Angeles doing critical work with youth throughout Los Angeles that results in the changing and saving of lives. As a city, we need to invest in these organizations by growing the department's support and/or grant funding opportunities that allow these organizations to strengthen the impact they have on youth. It is vital that we identify ways to increase funding to youth

development to ensure more resources and services are allocated across the city to directly serve the youth. I look forward to hopefully seeing a change in the budget for the future year.

Name: Kenny Crawford

Date Submitted: 05/20/2024 10:17 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I think Mayor Bass is doing a great job at getting people housed. I

think that the fiscal budget should be geared towards allowing more funds so that she can continue to house more people. I

support her budget for the next fiscal year.

Name: **Emily Goodburn**

Date Submitted: 05/20/2024 09:21 AM

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Name: Denise Parker

Date Submitted: 05/20/2024 06:04 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: She's doing a good job. Mayor Bass is trying really hard to put a

stop to it. I support Mayor Bass budget.

Name: Vernell brown

Date Submitted: 05/20/2024 06:11 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Vernell Brown I work for inside safe Marquise

Dawson Sanitation I see a lot of homelessness in the city people sleeping in storm drains cars RVs in tents I would love to see the

bill pass to help the people

Name: Meghan Langfield, MSW Date Submitted: 05/20/2024 06:57 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a dedicated partner working to prevent and address

homelessness in City Council District 15, Harbor Connects is grateful to see that Mayor Bass intends to allocate a total of \$950 million to continue responding to the homeless emergency. With such a multifaceted emergency, we know that there is no "one size fits all" answer to preventing and ending homelessness. The strategies need to be flexible, promote dignity, meet people where they are, and provide support and services that address physical, mental, and emotional safety and well being. Great work has been done in 2023 to bring people inside and we hope to see more Angelenos remain and become housed in 2024. Specifically, investments that increase access to housing affordable to extremely low income households through creating more housing, expanding availability of rental subsidies (e.g., Housing Choice Vouchers), and supporting their use on the rental market. Equally important is the prevention of homelessness. It's important to expand targeted homelessness prevention efforts throughout the community. We once paid \$13 for a pair of welding goggles that allowed a man to attend a welding certification class that led to employment within the trade and reliable income that effectively prevented homelessness. We need to think creatively and have systems that support the unique challenges that can lead a person or family to become homeless. We thank Mayor Bass and the City Council for their continued efforts to address homelessness in our City. Meghan Langfield, MSW Executive Director Harbor Connects

Name: Jesús Reynaga

Date Submitted: 05/20/2024 07:18 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As an Angeleno born, raised, educated, and now working in Los

Angeles, never have I been more excited for the future of LA than after evaluating the FY24-25 budget summary. I truly hope this represents a paradigm shift in the city's approach to solving our greatest challenges yet and not just another quick bandaid solution. Visually, my neighborhood has had a night and day transformation. Several local encampments have been cleared and most of our unhoused neighbors have accepted the resources and begun the transitional housing process the city has set forth. Although, I am concerned that some may have been pushed towards the hidden fringes of the neighborhood the results of the clean up have been overwhelmingly positive. Additionally, I hope to see more emphasis in addressing long term housing solutions for all Angelenos within our budget. The housing affordability and availability crisis is a primary driver of our homelessness crisis and directly affects every one of our residents who are in urgent

need of relief.

Name: Selena Hernandez Flores **Date Submitted:** 05/20/2024 03:29 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Los Angeles City Council Members, I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for maintaining the 12 vital positions at the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) that are crucial for the success and growth of our local garment manufacturing landscape. The City of LA's Budget and Finance Committee recently voted on a new budget that preserves these positions, and now we need the full City Council to approve this budget request. For the past six months, the Garment Workers Center (GWC), local ethical and sustainable businesses, property owners including the Fashion District BID, CD1, CD14, multiple city departments, and representatives of LA County have come together to reimagine and revitalize our garment manufacturing industry. This collaboration emerged from our advocacy around the DTLA 2040 Community Plan Update, with the task force working closely with the EWDD. Los Angeles has a rich history in garment manufacturing, dating back to the early 20th century. The industry flourished in the 1920s and 1930s, with LA becoming one of the leading centers for garment production in the United States. The Fashion District in Downtown LA became a hub for innovation, creativity, and economic opportunity, attracting a diverse workforce, including many immigrant communities. By the mid-20th century, the garment industry was one of the largest employers in the city, providing thousands of jobs and contributing significantly to the local economy. However, in recent decades, the industry has faced numerous challenges, including outsourcing, economic downturns, and shifts in manufacturing practices. Allow me to share a personal story to illustrate why this support is so critical. My father emigrated to the United States about 30 years ago with only \$100 in his pocket and the courage to step into a new country where he knew no one and could not speak the language. With limited resources, he picked up skills in the then-booming garment manufacturing industry in Los Angeles. Within five years, he learned the trade and eventually incorporated his own garment manufacturing company, achieving what many only dream of. However, after the 2006 recession, the skills he had acquired became obsolete as apparel companies prioritized profits over ethics, leading to a significant decline in the garment manufacturing industry. Despite

this setback, my father persevered, learning new skills and pursuing new endeavors. He transitioned to the restaurant industry, starting from the bottom once again, and later transitioning into retail, opening Candy House Party Supply in the Piñata District in DTLA. Just a few days ago, we celebrated his store's 5th anniversary. My father has tirelessly contributed to the economic vitality of Los Angeles since the 1990s through his entrepreneurial endeavors. My father's journey exemplifies the resilience and determination of the Latino workforce, demonstrating how investment in this sector can create immense opportunities for Latinos, who make up the majority of Los Angeles residents, and how it can drive prosperity for countless others in today's challenging economic landscape. Today, I write this letter as a representative of the new generation of business owners in the garment and fashion industry. As the founder of LA Pet Apparel, which creates sustainable apparel for pets and their owners, and proudly manufacturing in Los Angeles, I feel a profound duty to advocate for workforce development programs that support garment industry businesses and workers. With generations of experience in the fashion and garment industry, I am committed to supporting the initiatives that will ensure the prosperity and sustainability of this vital sector. Now more than ever, it is important to keep and support garment manufacturing jobs in Los Angeles. These jobs are pivotal to the Hispanic community in LA and have the potential to create a new workforce, providing a reliable source of income to Latino workers, allowing them to support their families and create prosperity. Additionally, the garment industry plays an integral role in our city, providing the perfect opportunity to establish sustainable fashion initiatives and ethical manufacturing practices. Los Angeles, with its deep history in global fashion, is the ideal place for these trendsetting initiatives. Failure to recognize the significance of the garment manufacturing industry and the Garment and Fashion Industry Program nullifies a long-standing history of economic development and opportunities that Latinos have helped create. I urge you to prioritize the retention and support of these positions at the EWDD to help our community flourish so we can preserve essential jobs, maintain the cultural and economic fabric of our communities, and ensure the continued viability of the garment industry in Los Angeles. Thank you for your consideration and support. Sincerely, Selena Hernandez Flores

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We urgently need your help to:

- Establish a new position dedicated to economic development and real estate, assisting emerging and existing businesses to thrive in LA and attract new businesses to the garment and fashion industry.
- Create a new position dedicated to workforce development, supporting upskilling and other assistance for workers in the garment industry.
- Set up a WorkSource Center and Business Source Center pop-up in the fashion industry to provide support to workers and businesses.
- Eliminating these 12 positions would significantly hamper the implementation of critical initiatives aimed at fostering a fair and sustainable garment industry ecosystem in Los Angeles.

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Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Selena Hernandez Flores

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Founder & CEO LA Pet Apparel

Name: Steffany Powell

Date Submitted: 05/20/2024 04:40 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I want to speak about the Inside Safe program and other programs in the Mayor's budget to combat homelessness. I live in Hollywood, work a remote job, and walk my dog two or three times daily. I see the neighborhood changes in real-time. I can say, anecdotally, that I see positive changes. Some of the encampments are gone permanently, some folks come back but those tents come down quickly. There is a vacant and boarded-up building next to my apartment building that was taken over by folks attempting to squat. When my apartment manager, the security at Panavision, and I all called the city, it was resolved. But we can't stop now. As the economy continues to be challenging and without enough affordable housing, it will only get worse. As a society, we tend to treat the unhoused as a monolith: they are drug-addicted, mentally ill criminals. This is not always the case. I was homeless several times in my life. I left home when I was still in high school because of the abuse I endured at home. I managed to graduate high school but that wasn't easy. I found myself homeless again in my 20s but this time I was also pregnant. I lived in my car and stayed at friend's homes and desperately wanted to have my own place by the time my baby was born. Because of my privilege and my ability to navigate the system, such as it was back then, I succeeded. My situation is not unusual because the main issue was that I couldn't afford rent. If we want to solve homelessness, give our unhoused neighbors a place to live. If they have other problems, then we can help them through existing services. But expecting people who live on the street to live up to the expectation that they have to be sober, sane, and employed to have a place to live makes no sense. Short-term shelters are ineffectual and charities that expect you to listen to a sermon to get a hot meal is inhumane. We can't rely on charities or churches to help solve this issue because of the hoops they expect people to jump through. I want my tax dollars to pay for people to have their basic needs met: food, clean water, and shelter. I want clean streets. I don't want to walk past someone lying on the sidewalk and wonder if they are alive or not. I don't want to see families with young children relying on handouts to live day to day. Inside Safe is the only program that does all of that. We need to continue to fund this program and make it easier for people to stay in their homes. We also need to

keep our unhoused neighbors with their community and near the support services so many of them rely on. When you look at an encampment, I always see it as a mini neighborhood of people who are relying on each other for support. That is the value of moving these folks inside together as a unit. Predatory landlords and owners of abandoned buildings should not be allowed to blight our city by hoarding property or walking away from development when they run out of money. The whole world saw LA's shame with the graffitied towers in the unfinished buildings abandoned by wealthy foreign developers. How much did the city have to pay to secure the building? Millions! There are lots of abandoned and vacant buildings in Los Angeles that could be repurposed into affordable housing. We like to blame our unhoused neighbors for this crisis, but why aren't looking at the developers, landlords, and property owners who let their properties sit vacant and fall into disrepair so they are of no use to anyone? We are all only a couple of paychecks away from being unhoused ourselves. I want to see programs like Inside Safe not be necessary, but we don't live in that world. The very least we can do for our most vulnerable in Los Angeles is give them that safety net: help them stay in their homes and if they are living on the street or in their car, give them a roof over their heads and a path to get safe, sane and sober if necessary. As a survivor of domestic violence, I am always concerned that my abusers will learn where I live, even years after I left them. According to the ACLU: "When women flee domestic abuse, they are often forced to leave their homes, with nowhere else to turn. Landlords also sometimes turn victims of domestic violence out of their homes because of the violence against them. For years, advocates have known that domestic violence is a primary cause of homelessness for women and families. Studies from across the country confirm the connection between domestic violence and homelessness and suggest ways to end the cycle in which violence against women leads to life on the streets." And we all collectively ask, "Why didn't they leave?" So imagine why they prefer to live on the street instead of with their parents, spouse, or partner. All unhoused Angelinos deserve our compassion and help to get off the streets. This program works.

Name: Ava Walker

Date Submitted: 05/20/2024 05:24 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support Mayor Bass' budget 100%

Name: Dr. Jocelyn Mull

Date Submitted: 05/20/2024 05:30 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am impressed with Mayor Bass' creative ways of setting up

strategy to meet the needs of the people in Los Angeles. I support

Mayor Bass' budget.

Name: Gay Havard

Date Submitted: 05/20/2024 05:55 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am happy to see the mayor is addressing homeless on the

condition she is doing it with less money. Also, I am happy to see that she is going to look at the personnel positions and reallocate those funds to help the city. I am pleased with her budget did address the street maintenances and I would my other concern I wish she had more support and funding to address to issues that she has addressed as her priorities. I support the mayor's budget.