

April 30, 2024

The Honorable Chair Bob Blumenfield, Councilmember, 3<sup>rd</sup> District
The Honorable Vice Chair Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Councilmember, 8th District
The Honorable Katy Yaroslavsky, Councilmember, 5th District
The Honorable Tim McOsker, Councilmember, 15th District
The Honorable Monica Rodriguez, Councilmember, 7th District
Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee
200 N. Spring Street, Room 360
Los Angeles, CA 90012

## RE: REQUEST FOR RESTORATION OF COUNCIL DISTRICT 10 BUDGET CUTS

Dear Members of the Budget, Finance, and Innovation Committee:

As you embark on the important process of reviewing and adjusting the Mayor's FY24-25 Budget Proposal, I want to highlight several core services programs in Council District 10 that are recommended for elimination.

## College Success/Education Program

LA Promise Fund – \$300,000

These funding reductions would drastically curtail our ability to house the unhoused throughout the District, where we have made great progress with the layering of service providers, gang intervention and prevention programs, and homeless prevention programs to help residents from becoming homeless in the first place.

## Homeless/Unhoused Programs

The People Concern – \$400,314 Homies UNIDOS – \$150,000 2nd Call – \$100,000 Mothers in Action – \$100,000

The proposed budget also eliminates funding for two of the largest African American cultural events in the City of Los Angeles, which brings hundreds of thousands of residents and tourists to Council Districts 10 and 8 that has a multiplier effect on our local economy.

## Citywide Cultural Events

Pan African Film Festival – \$72,500 Taste of Soul Festival – \$110,000

I am requesting that the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee, with the assistance of the CAO and CLA, restore these cuts as listed above to their full amounts for the FY 2024-25 fiscal year. We cannot allow gaps in these programs to occur, setting the district back in its progress of housing all our residents, ensuring college success for our students, and celebrating African American culture in the heart of our African American community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or my Chief Deputy Andrew Westall at 213-473-7010.

Sincerely,

**HEATHER HUTT** 

Councilwoman, 10th District

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Cc: The Honorable Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles Matt Szabo, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Los Angeles

Sharon Tso, Chief Legislative Analyst, City of Los Angeles