



May 7, 2024

The Honorable Bob Blumenfield, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Innovation Committee
Los Angeles City Council
200 N Spring St
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Proposed Budget Requests

Honorable Chair Blumenfield:

I am writing to respectfully request that the Budget, Finance, and Innovation Committee consider additional resources for the following recommendations:

1. Department of City Planning Additional Staff Positions for Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan (Council File 23-1339)

City Council adopted legislation that instructed the Department of City Planning to prepare a Specific Plan for Van Nuys Airport to replace the existing Van Nuys Airport Plan adopted 18 years ago. The Department of City Planning requested funding for three additional planning staff positions needed to prepare the Specific Plan, but the request was denied. Currently the Department of City Planning does not have staff needed to work on the Specific Plan. The positions requested are (1) City Planner position, Class Code 7944-0; and (2) City Planning Associate positions, Class Code 7941-0.

I request that the Committee accommodate the Department of City Planning's request and include in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget position authority and funding in the amount of \$554,952 from the Department of Airports for three additional planning staff positions required to prepare the Specific Plan for Van Nuys Airport. Failure to fund the additional staff positions will lead to delays in completion of the Specific Plan.

2. LAPD Human Trafficking Task Force

Human Trafficking is a serious problem throughout Los Angeles, particularly in LAPD Operations-Valley Bureau and Operations-South Bureau. To combat this problem, the Human Trafficking Task Force has focused efforts in these bureaus. I respectfully request funding in the amount of \$1,500,000 to provide resources specifically for the continued task force efforts in these Bureaus.

3. Bridges Mitigation along the Pacoima Wash

I respectfully request funding in the amount of \$1,197,075.91 for the Bureau of Engineering to secure the bridges along the Pacoima Wash in Council District 6. For several years, a growing number of people experiencing homelessness have been living under the bridges, which has led to multiple fires and other threats to community safety under the bridges. BOE has provided the necessary cost estimate for this important mitigation.

4. Board of Public Works Budget Reconsideration

I urge the Committee to reconsider the Board of Public Works request for the following two Eliminated Positions so that the Board can maintain timely payment processing of Community-Based Organization invoices:

1. *Budget and Administration: 1 Senior Management Analyst II.* The Centralized Budget Director position monitors the Board's accounts and expenditures for all Board Offices. The Board processes over \$30 million in CBO invoices annually.
2. *Community-Based Organization Accounting: (1) Accountant.* This position helps maintain efforts to ensure timely delivery of funds for work performed by community-based organizations in support of various initiatives. Through greater levels of partnership, a 50 percent reduction in average invoice processing time to community-based organizations was achieved.

5. Reinstating Climate Emergency Management Office Stakeholder Engagement Budget

I encourage the Committee to identify \$500,000 to reinstate the Climate Emergency Management Office's Stakeholder Engagement Budget (contractual services). This funding would allow the Climate Emergency Management Office to continue its work to improve the City's heat risk preparedness.



Thank you for your consideration of these requests at this time.

Sincerely,

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