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Councilmember Adrin Nazarian, Chair
Energy and Environment Committee
Attn: Michael Espinosa

RE: COUNCIL FILE TRANSMITTAL

On August 26, 2025, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee considered Motion (Raman – Blumenfield) relative to existing approval, permitting, plan check, and inspection processes administered by LADWP for new developments; and related matters, Council file No. 25-0751. After consideration, and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation contained in the Motion as follows:

DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), with assistance from relevant departments, to report back within 60 days on:

1. Existing approval, permitting, plan check, and inspection processes administered by LADWP for new developments.
2. Average and range of processing timelines, staffing levels, and coordination protocols for housing and small business utility work.
3. LADWP's use of technology in development processes, including digital submittals and application tracking, and ways to use these tools for greater transparency and accountability for developers and other City partners.
4. Identification of other jurisdictions whose process efficiency and urban design standards - particularly as it relates to transformer staging, location, and overhead power lines - are considered exemplary in the power industry, and ways to incorporate these standards into LADWP's work.
5. Opportunities to streamline LADWP's development-related processes to reduce delays and improve efficiency, including potentially expanding Project Powerhouse to all housing developments.
6. Strategies to improve interdepartmental coordination, timeline transparency, and communication with applicants.
7. A mapping analysis of LADWP power capacity throughout the city overlaid with the areas of the city planned for the greatest density increases, and recommendations to fund

infrastructure improvements in areas where there are power deficiencies relative to future potential growth.

This file is now transmitted to the Energy and Environment Committee.

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HUTT:	YES
NAZARIAN:	ABSENT
LEE:	YES
RAMAN:	YES