

ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the feasibility and requirements for designating City-sponsored volunteer opportunities as qualifying approved volunteer community service for Medi-Cal and CalFresh eligibility under the One Big, Beautiful Bill Act.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Jurado – Padilla):

1. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and in consultation with the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL), and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), to report on the feasibility and requirements for designating City-sponsored volunteer opportunities as qualifying “approved volunteer community service” under the federal One Big, Beautiful Bill Act for purposes of Medi-Cal and CalFresh eligibility.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney, in coordination with the CAO and CLA, to report to Council on the legal standards, documentation requirements, and verification procedures necessary to ensure City-administered volunteer hours fully comply with applicable federal and state community service requirements under the One Big, Beautiful Bill, including data-sharing and privacy considerations.
3. INSTRUCT the CAO and REQUEST the City Attorney to include recommendations in both reports to ensure accessibility and equity for participants, including accommodations for individuals with disabilities, language access needs, housing instability, or limited access to technology, so that participation in volunteer service does not itself become a barrier to retaining benefits.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

### SUMMARY

At its meeting held on February 10, 2026, your Arts, Parks, Libraries, and Community Enrichment Committee considered Motion (Jurado – Padilla), dated January 28, 2026, relative to requested reports on the feasibility of designating City-sponsored volunteer opportunities as qualifying “approved volunteer community service” imposed by the One Big, Beautiful Bill Act for purposes of Medi-Cal and CalFresh eligibility; and, the legal standards, documentation requirements, and verification procedures that are necessary to ensure City-administered volunteer hours would fully comply with applicable federal and state community service requirements under said Act, including data-sharing and privacy considerations. Councilmember Jurado introduced an amendment, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez, to include the DONE in addition to the RAP and LAPL in Recommendation No. 1 above as the departments to be consulted. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended approval of the item as amended, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| JURADO:       | YES         |
| HERNANDEZ:    | YES         |
| NAZARIAN:     | ABSENT      |

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