

MOTION

Angel City Press (ACP) was co-founded by Scott McAuley and Paddy Calistro in 1992 as a publisher of high-quality nonfiction books. Over its history, ACP has engaged more than 100 Southern California authors and produced more than 135 non-fiction books focused on the art, architecture, history, and personalities of Los Angeles and Southern California. To ensure the continued telling of essential Los Angeles stories, Mr. McAuley and Ms. Calistro chose to donate Angel City Press to the Los Angeles Public Library upon their retirement. On December 13, 2023, the Board of Library Commissioners approved the gift agreement for the management and operation of Angel City Press at the Los Angeles Public Library. In recent years, Angel City Press has published an average of seven books each year.

Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 10.5, which pertains to City contracting authority, states "except as otherwise provided in the Charter or this Code, no board, officer or employee of the City shall make any contract, obligating the City, or any department of the City, to make or receive payments of money or other valuable consideration for a period longer than three years, unless such contract shall have been first approved by the Council." In addition, LAAC Section 10.5 (a) outlines specific exceptions to this requirement. Consequently, publishing agreements between authors and Angel City Press at the Los Angeles Public Library require City Council approval, as their terms exceed the three-year limit allowed by the code. The City Council retains the authority to amend LAAC Section 10.5, when necessary, to outline the specific instances requiring Council approval.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney, with the assistance from the Library Department, to prepare and present an Ordinance that would amend Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 10.5 (a) to add Library publishing agreements to the list of specific exceptions from this Section, for a term not to exceed the term of copyright and any extensions and renewals thereof.

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