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Honorable Members of the Budget & Finance Committee
C/O Patrice Lattimore, Los Angeles City Clerk
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street, Room 360
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for FY 2026/27- Departmental Comments from El Pueblo

Dear Councilmembers,

On behalf of El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, I would like to thank Chair Yaroslavsky and the Budget & Finance Committee for the opportunity to provide comments on the Mayor's Proposed FY 2026–27 Budget. We also extend our sincere appreciation to Mayor Karen Bass, the Mayor's Office, and the City Administrative Office for their partnership and thoughtful approach during a challenging fiscal period.

El Pueblo remains the cultural heart of Los Angeles, the birthplace of our City, and for thousands of local and international visitors, the first introduction to Los Angeles. This role will become even more significant as we prepare to welcome the world for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the 100th anniversary of Olvera Street in 2030.

Over the past six months, El Pueblo has been undergoing an operational reset focused on safety, cleanliness, and accountability, aligned with the Mayor's priorities to keep Angelenos safe and make Los Angeles shine. In close coordination with City partners, we have increased the number of completed work orders, strengthened on-site coordination, improved reporting systems, and taken meaningful steps to stabilize daily operations. While there is still much work ahead, we are steadily earning the trust of our merchants and working to restore confidence among visitors, partners, and stakeholders.

We are grateful that the Mayor’s Proposed Budget reflects an understanding of these core operational needs. At the same time, continued progress will require targeted investments to ensure El Pueblo is safe, clean, and ready to meet this historic moment for Los Angeles.

Key Budget Change

Establishment of an In-House Custodial Unit – \$805,337

This represents a critical structural improvement to address longstanding gaps in cleanliness and service responsiveness.

- 1 Senior Custodian; 3 Custodians
- Salaries: \$235,820 | Related Costs: \$156,296
- Contractual Services: \$375,000 (supplemental coverage)
- Supplies/Equipment: \$38,221

Transitioning to an on-site managed custodial model will allow for faster response times, stronger accountability, and better integration with daily operations across our 22-acre campus.

Priority Requests

To build on this progress, we respectfully request the following adjustments:

1. Add One Accountant / Delete One Management Assistant

This targeted change will strengthen financial oversight, support rent collection efforts, and improve long-term fiscal management.

- Net increase: \$15,911

2. Increase Security Resources – Request: \$500,000

Recent violent incidents, including a fatal early-morning stabbing involving unhoused individuals on the perimeter of El Pueblo, underscore the urgency of this request.

Currently, only four security guards are assigned to a 22-acre site with high daily foot traffic, multiple access points, and growing safety challenges. This level of coverage is not sufficient to protect:

- Visitors and families
- School groups and tourists
- Merchants and employees
- Unhoused individuals themselves

We respectfully request an increase of \$500,000 to support expanded security coverage, including additional guards and coordination with LAPD, to ensure a safe and welcoming environment.

We recognize the City's fiscal constraints and are committed to being part of the solution. El Pueblo will continue to pursue revenue generation through events, sponsorships, and improved rent collection to help offset and sustain these additional security costs over time. However, if possible, an upfront investment is critical to stabilize conditions and ensure the safety of all who visit and work at El Pueblo.

Closing

El Pueblo is both a historic landmark and an active civic space. With continued partnership and targeted investment, it can serve as a safe, vibrant, and economically active destination that reflects the very best of Los Angeles, especially as the world turns its attention to our city.

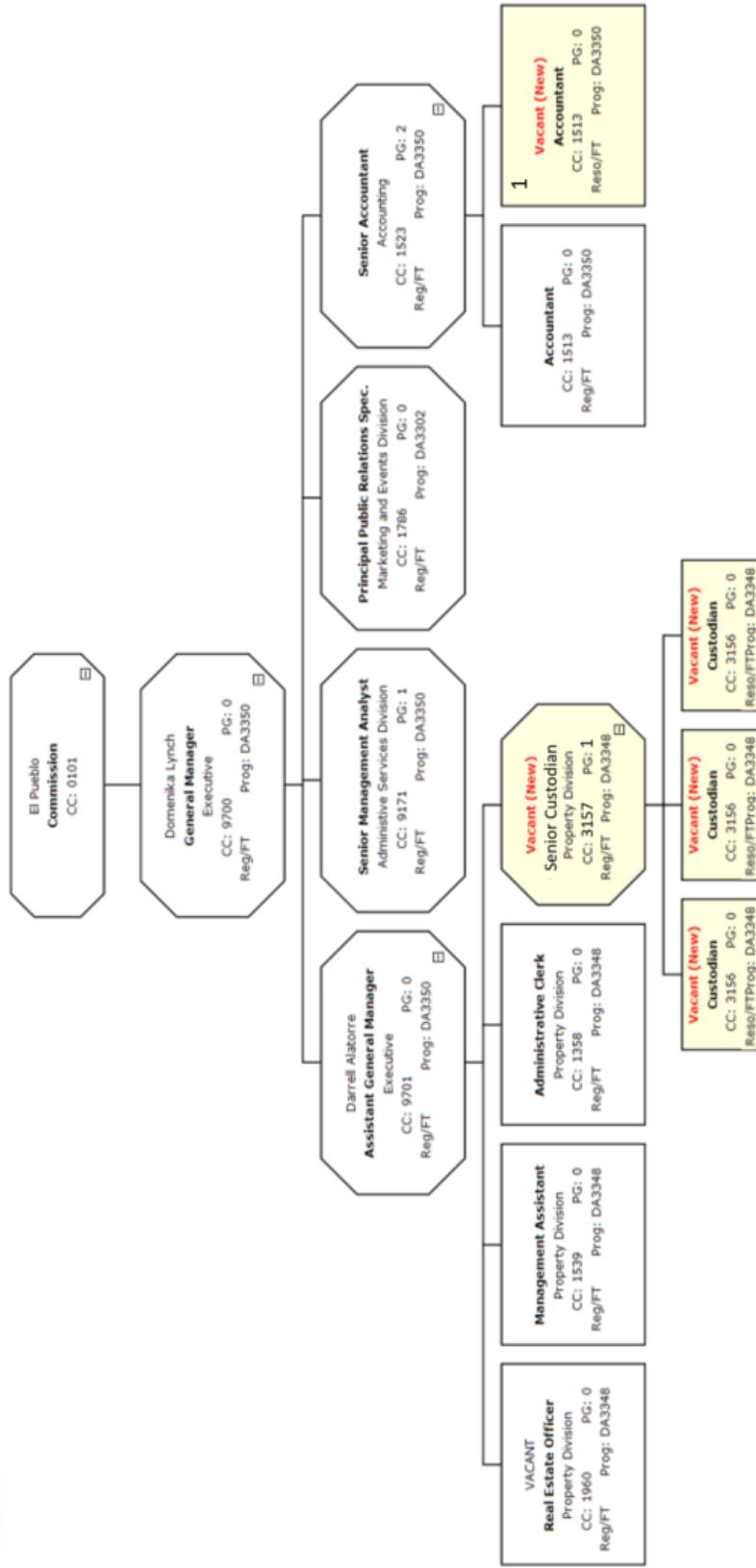
We are grateful for your leadership and for the Mayor's commitment to El Pueblo. We look forward to continuing this work together.

Respectfully,



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El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Authority
2026-2027 Organizational Chart (Proposed)



Legends

Supervisor (Octagon shape)

Assistant (Rounded rectangle shape)

Staff (Rectangle shape)

Yellow = PROPOSED/CHANGED Position