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April 21, 2026

Honorable Members of the City Council  
Budget and Finance Committee  
c/o Office of the City Clerk  
City Hall, Room 395  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attn: Armando Bencomo, Legislative Assistant

## **THE LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY'S COMMENTS RELATIVE TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Honorable Councilmembers:

In accordance with the direction from Honorable Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, in the letter dated April 15, 2026, the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) respectfully transmits this response regarding the Mayor's Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Proposed Budget.

LADBS appreciates the Mayor and her Budget Team's support of LADBS in the FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget, and looks forward to working with the City Council and the Mayor to maintain the level of service our customers expect.

LADBS provides essential services for permitting, plan check, inspection, and code enforcement to protect public safety, enhance the quality of life of City residents, and support the construction industry. These services are vital to citywide housing development. Over 90 percent of LADBS funding is provided by the Building and Safety Building Permit Enterprise Fund (Enterprise Fund) and other special funds, with the remainder coming from the General Fund. The vast majority of LADBS operations generate revenue through fees and charges for development-related and code enforcement functions.

### **Proposed Department-Level Changes between FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27**

The FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget includes the addition of **eight (8) new positions** to support rebuilding efforts in the Palisades and ensure the timely completion of construction projects for the LA28 Olympic and Paralympic games and the LA Convention Center modernization.

### **Inspection Support for Palisades Rebuilding Efforts**

- 1 Chief Inspector
- 2 Principal Inspectors

The Chief Inspector position is essential for providing management oversight of the Department's Inspection Case Management and New Construction Inspection programs in the Palisades. This position will ensure the necessary coordination and expediting of the City's ongoing recovery and rebuilding efforts as they relate to permitting and inspections.

The Principal Inspector positions will provide critical oversight for the Palisades rebuild. One Principal Inspector will direct, manage and oversee concierge services and Inspection Case Management (ICM) support at the LA One-Stop Rebuilding Center in West Los Angeles. The second Principal Inspector will manage the staff conducting new construction inspections, addressing the increased workload in the field. These positions will facilitate, streamline, and expedite rebuilding projects in the Palisades by applying proven strategies to guide developers through the permitting process, from initial construction to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy (CofO). Their expertise will ensure properties are built to code, facilitating a prompt return for homeowners.

### **Inspection Support for Projects Related to Major Events**

- 1 Senior Building Inspector
- 1 Senior Electrical Inspector
- 1 Senior Plumbing Inspector
- 1 Senior Heating & Refrigeration Inspector
- 1 Senior Fire Sprinkler Inspector

The Senior Inspector positions across the Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Heating & Refrigeration, and Fire Sprinkler disciplines within the Commercial Inspection Division are essential for supporting major upcoming events. These positions will provide critical inspection and oversight for the LA Convention Center modernization, and the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. These positions are vital to ensuring timely project completion and the issuance of CofO.

Attached is the Department's organization chart, which details the programs managed by each division and indicates the placement of the new positions in the Mayor's Proposed FY 2026-27 Budget.

### **Requested Structural Changes or Changes to Position Authorities**

LADBS is not requesting any add/deletes or reclassifications of positions in the FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget.

### **Requested Restoration of Services or Programs**

The FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget does not include any reduction in services or elimination of LADBS positions. As such, LADBS is not requesting restoration of services or programs

**Opportunities to Reorganize or Realign Personnel to Streamline Services**

In FY 2022-23, LADBS established the Zoning Review Section to streamline the permitting process for affordable housing projects and homeless shelters. Following the Council and Mayor's approval in the FY 2025-26 budget, the transfer of positions and duties from the LADBS to the Department of City Planning was completed in January 2026. By creating the Zoning Review Section and separating Zoning Code from Building Code review, the City streamlined housing development in support of the Mayor's Executive Directive (ED) 1 - Expedition of Permits and Clearances for Temporary Shelters and Affordable Housing Types.

LADBS further improved efficiency in FY 2025-26 by integrating Disabled Access plan check review into the building plan check review process, reducing the number of reviewers required for a single plan. Building on this success, LADBS plans to incorporate Green Building plan check into the building plan check process. This change will allow a single plan checker to serve as the primary point of contact for all questions and revisions, further streamlining the experience for our customers.

We look forward to discussing the budget and related matters with the Budget and Finance Committee. If I can be of assistance or provide additional information ahead of our hearing, I can be reached at (213) 482-6800. Additional details may also be provided by Ana Mae Yutan, Assistant General Manager and LADBS Resource Management Bureau Chief, at (213) 482-6703.

Respectfully,



Osama Younan, P.E.  
General Manager  
Superintendent of Building

cc: Mitch Kamin, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office  
Rachel Freeman, Deputy Mayor of Business and Economic Development  
Matt Hale, Deputy Mayor of Finance, Operations, and Innovation  
Sharon Tso, Chief Legislative Analyst  
Karen Kalfayan, Executive Officer, Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst  
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**Attachments:**

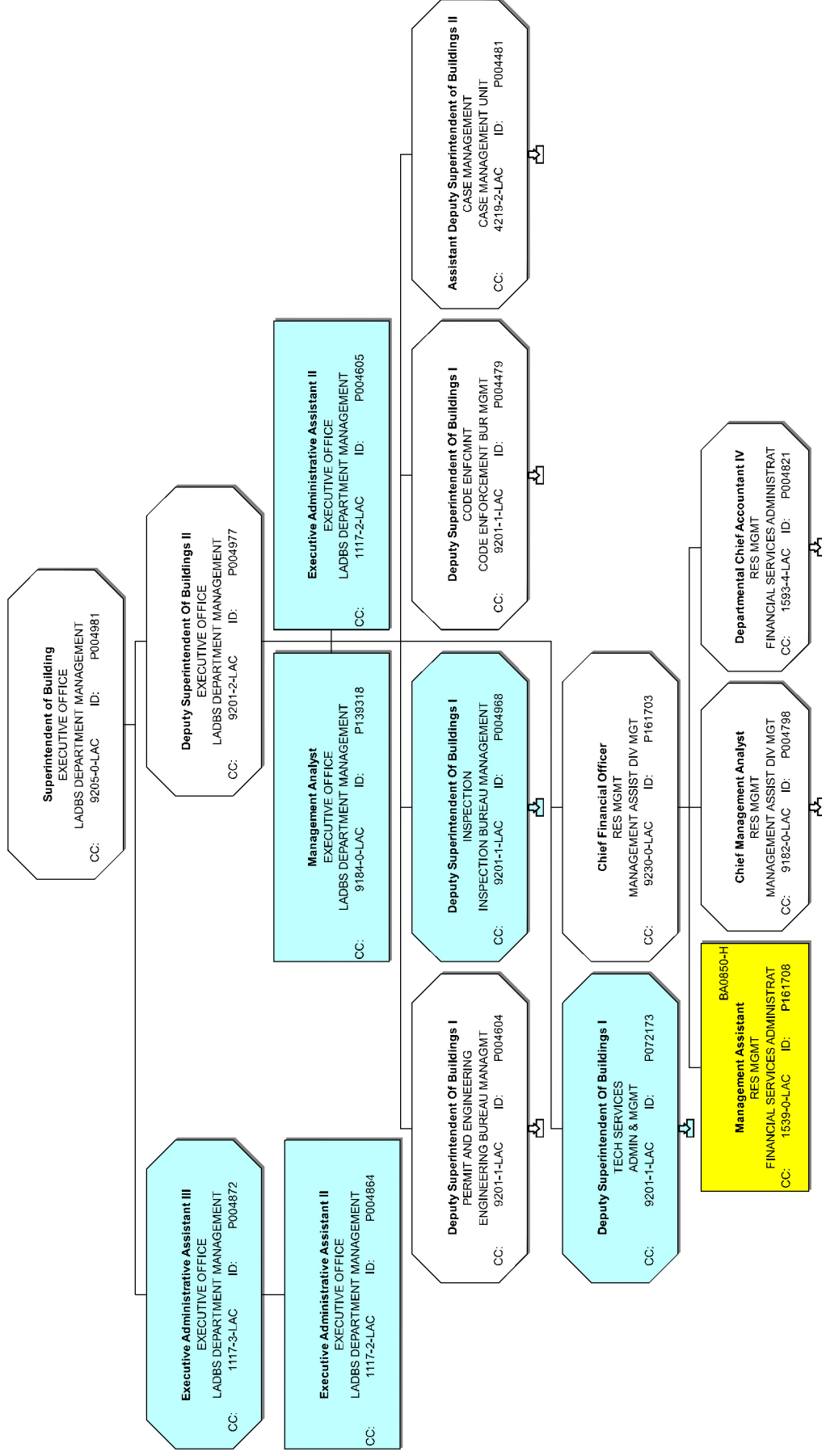
Attachment I - Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety Organizational Chart



# LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY

FY 2026-27

ATTACHMENT I



**Legends**

Supervisor

Assistant

Staff

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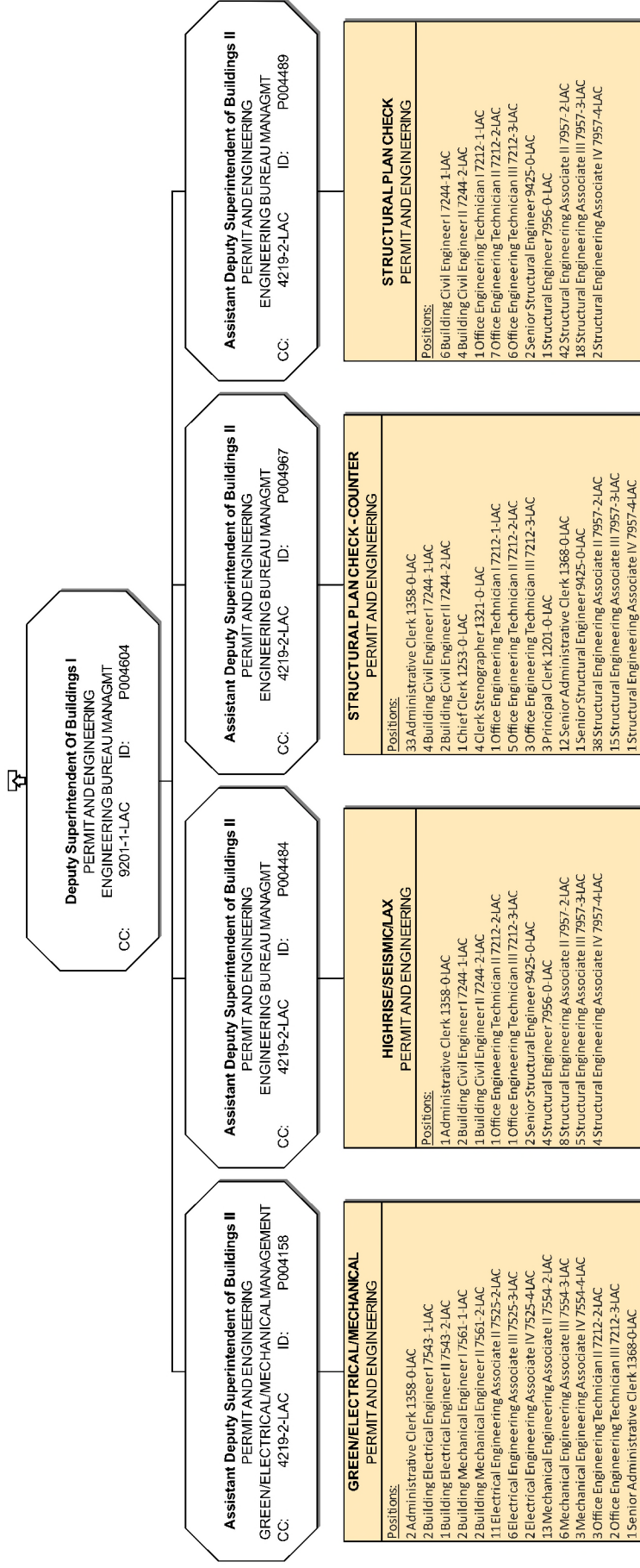


# LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY

## FY 2026-27

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Maximum allowable FY 2026-27 Contract Expense for PEB \$1,114,376



**Legends**

Supervisor (Yellow background)

Assistant (Light Orange background)

Staff (White background)

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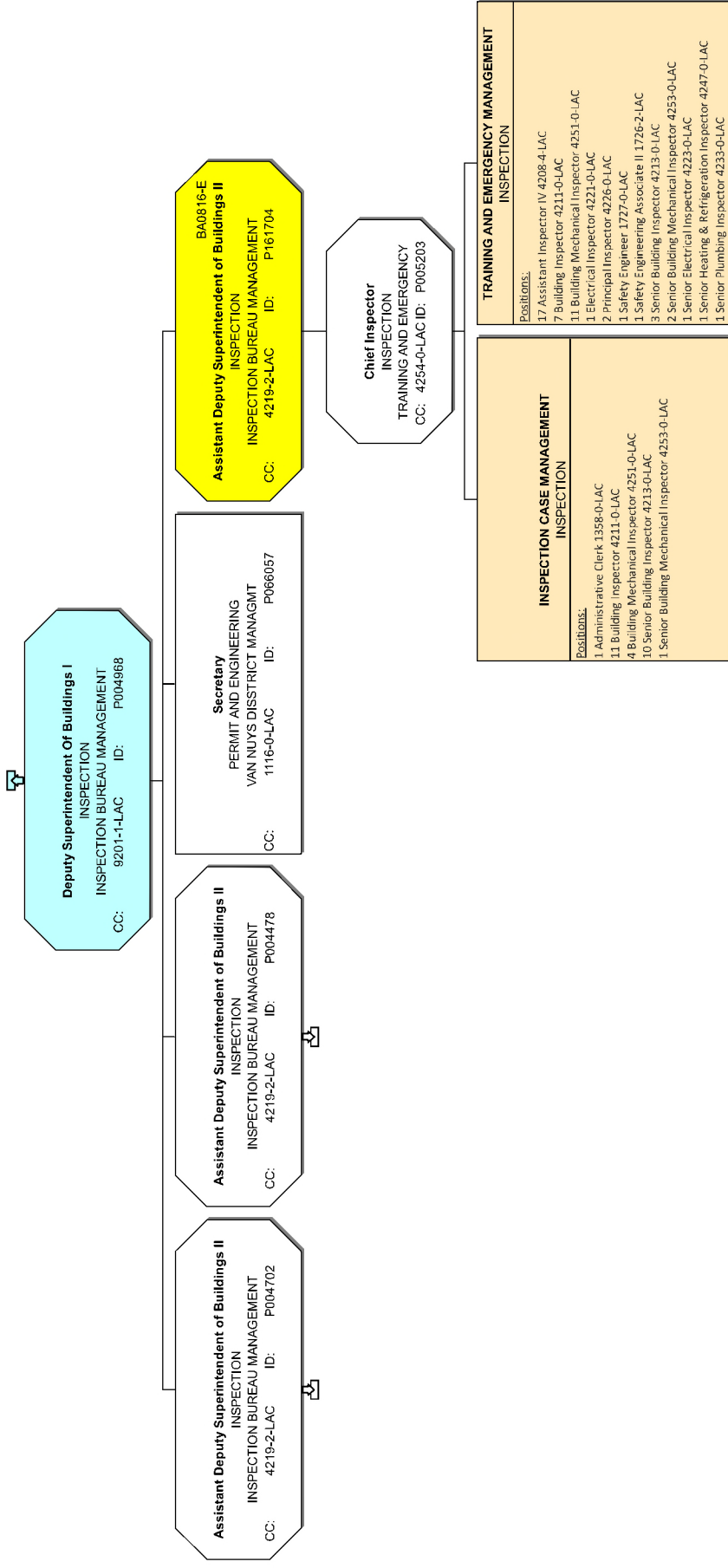


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Maximum allowable FY 2026-27 Contract Expense for IB \$237,436



**Legends**

- Supervisor
- Assistant
- Staff

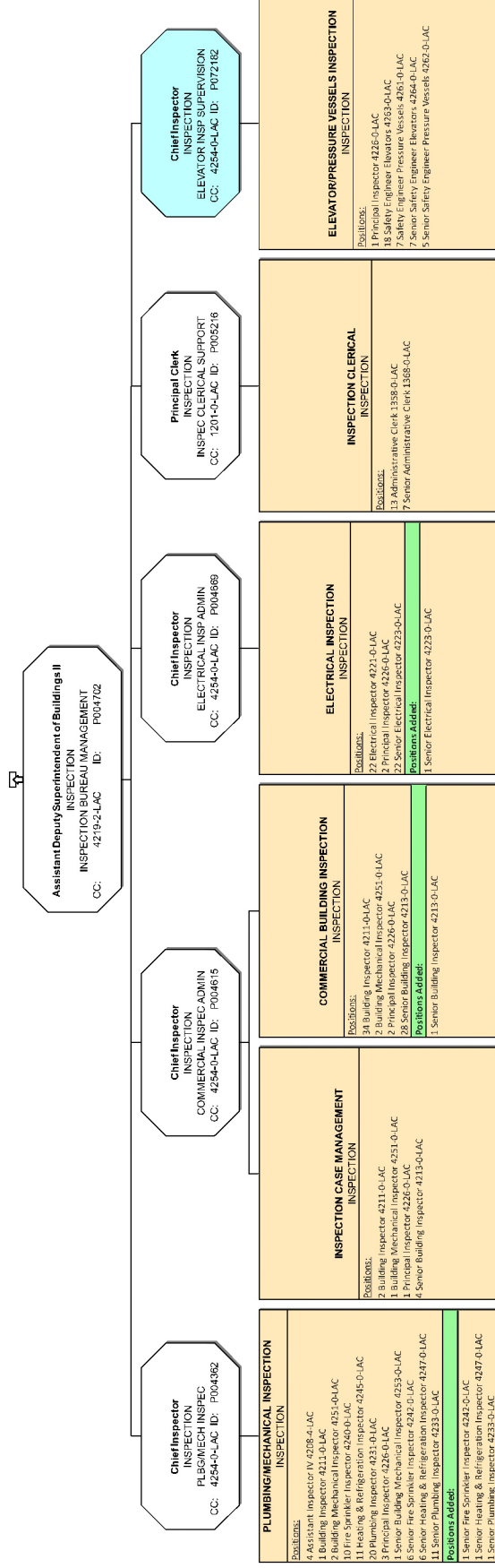
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Assistant

Staff

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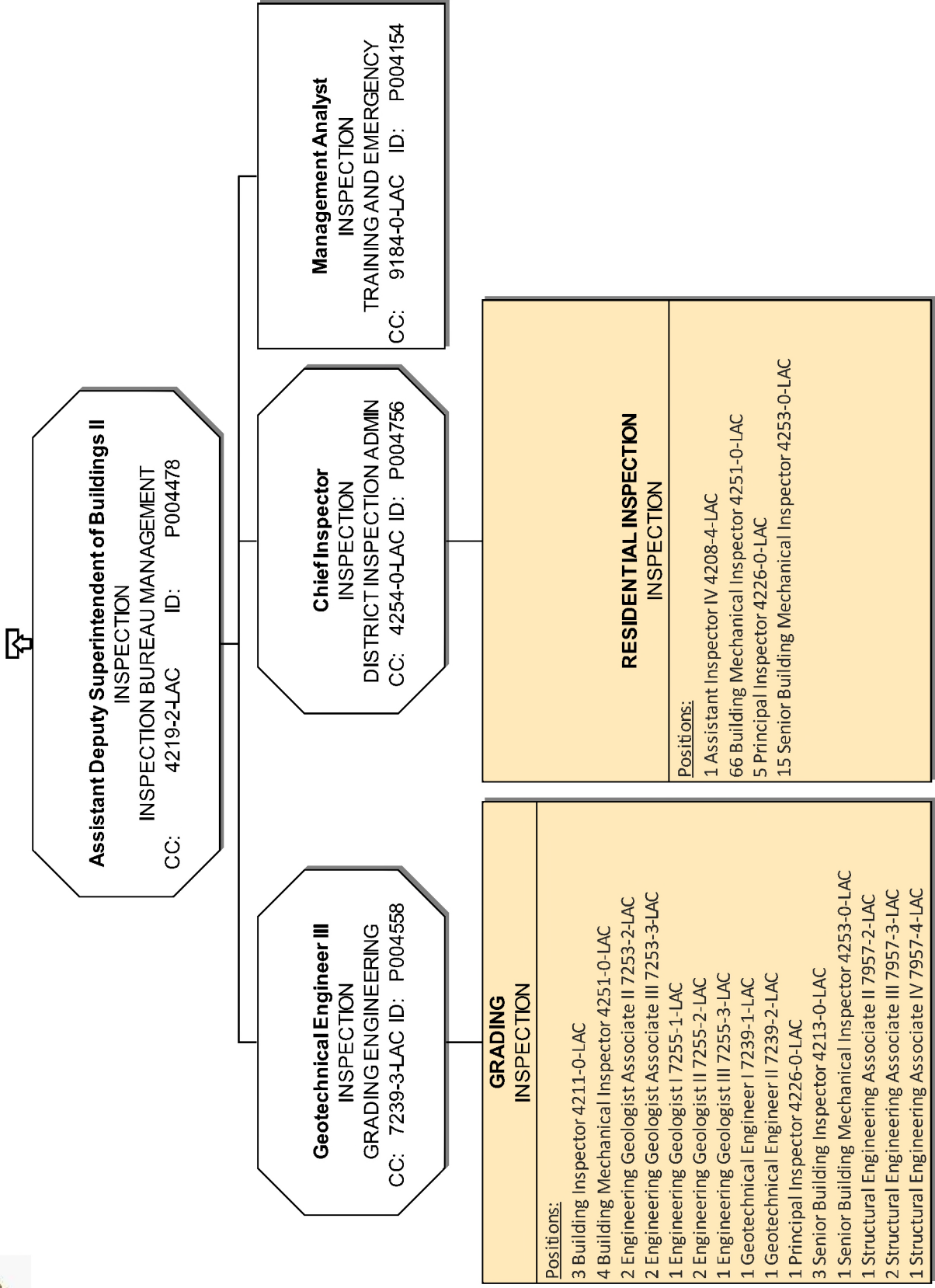
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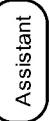
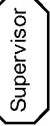
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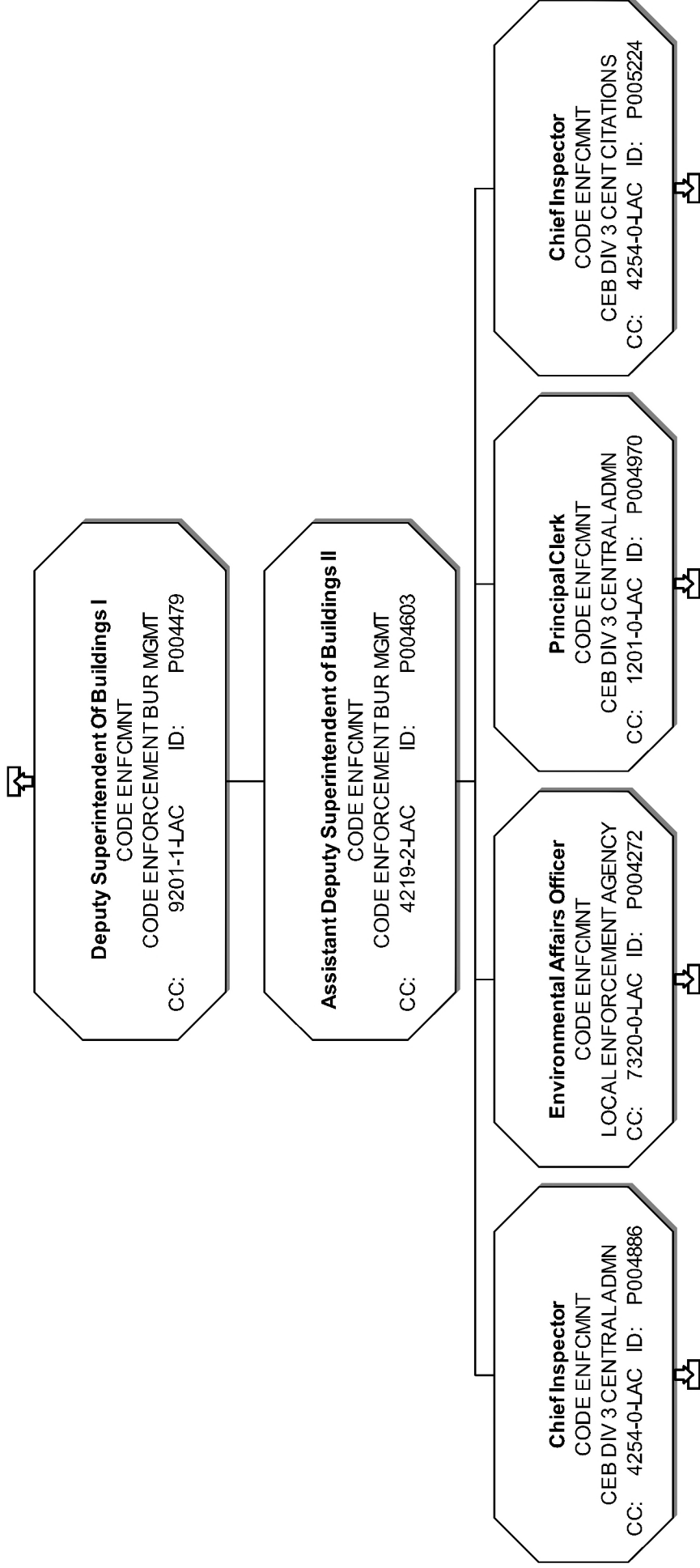


# LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY

## FY 2026-27

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Maximum allowable FY 2026-27 Contract Expense for CEB \$408,648



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Assistant

Staff

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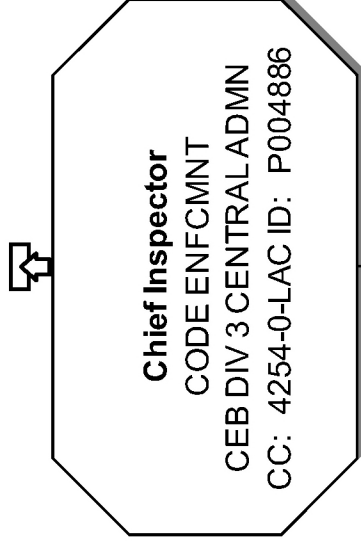
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GENERAL ENFORCEMENT CODE ENFCMNT	
<b>Positions:</b>	
1	Assistant Inspector IV 4208-4-LAC
14	Building Mechanical Inspector 4251-0-LAC
1	Principal Inspector 4226-0-LAC
1	Senior Building Inspector 4213-0-LAC
4	Senior Building Mechanical Inspector 4253-0-LAC

Legends

Supervisor

Assistant

Staff

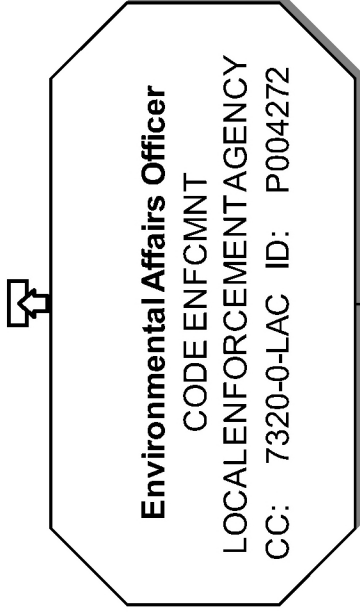
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<b>LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY</b> CODE ENFCMNT
<b>Positions:</b> 3 Environmental Specialist II 7310-2-LAC 1 Environmental Specialist III 7310-3-LAC 1 Environmental Supervisor I 7304-1-LAC 1 Environmental Supervisor II 7304-2-LAC 1 Industrial Hygienist 2330-0-LAC

Legends

Supervisor

Assistant

Staff

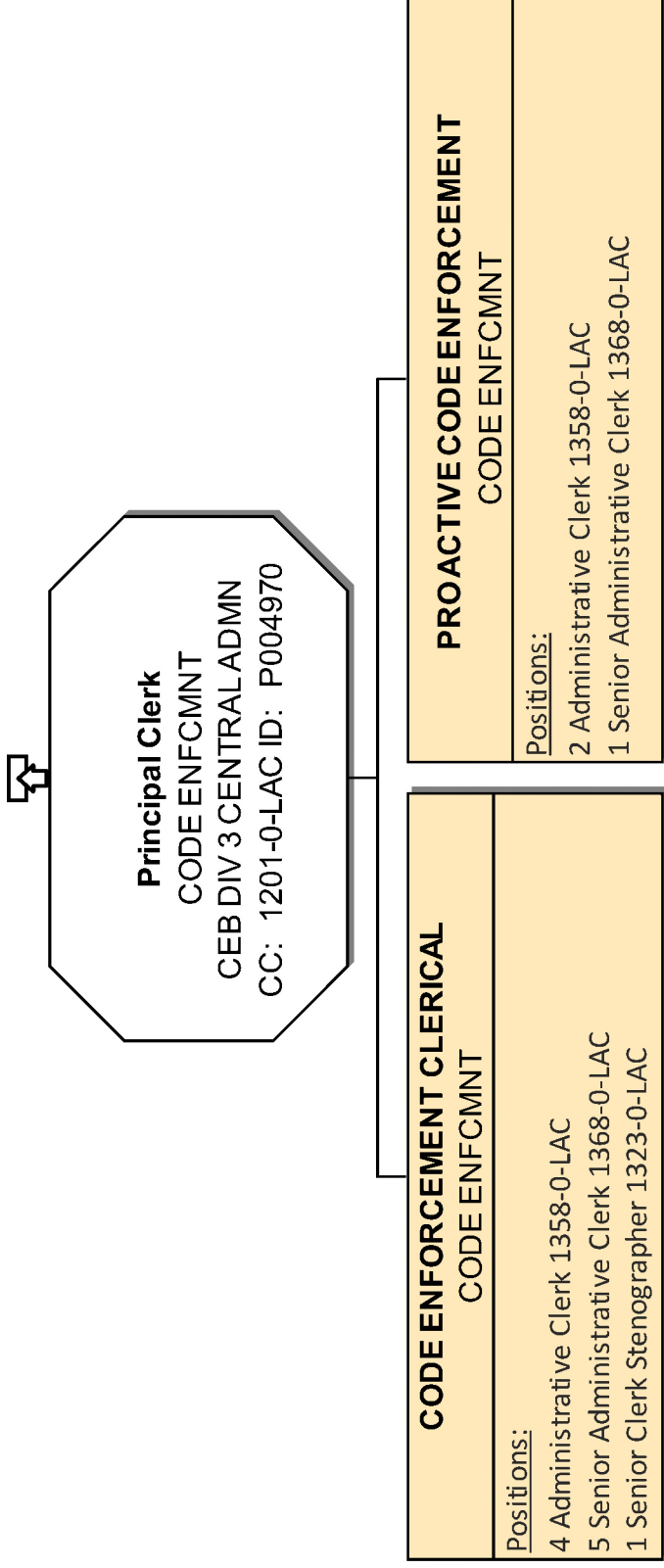
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**LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY**  
**FY 2026-27**



**Legends**

- Supervisor
- Assistant
- Staff

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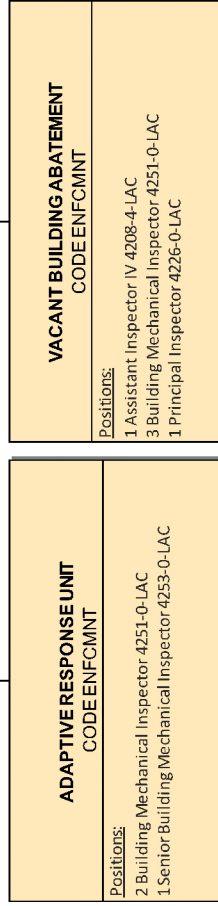
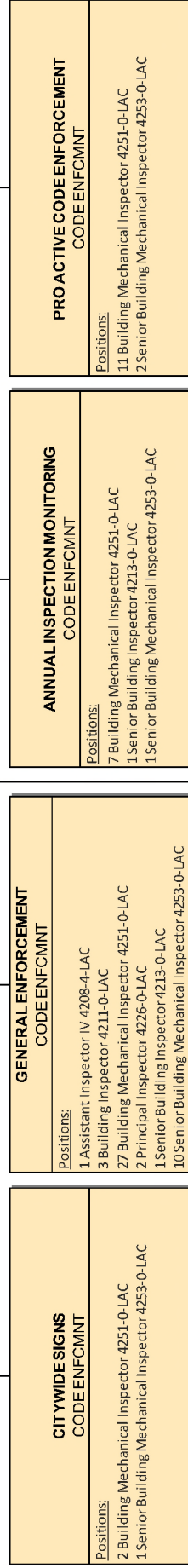


# LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY

**FY 2026-27**

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**Chief Inspector**  
 CODE ENFCMNT  
 CEB DIV 3 CENT CITATIONS  
 CC: 4254-0-LAC ID: P005224



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Supervisor

Assistant

Staff

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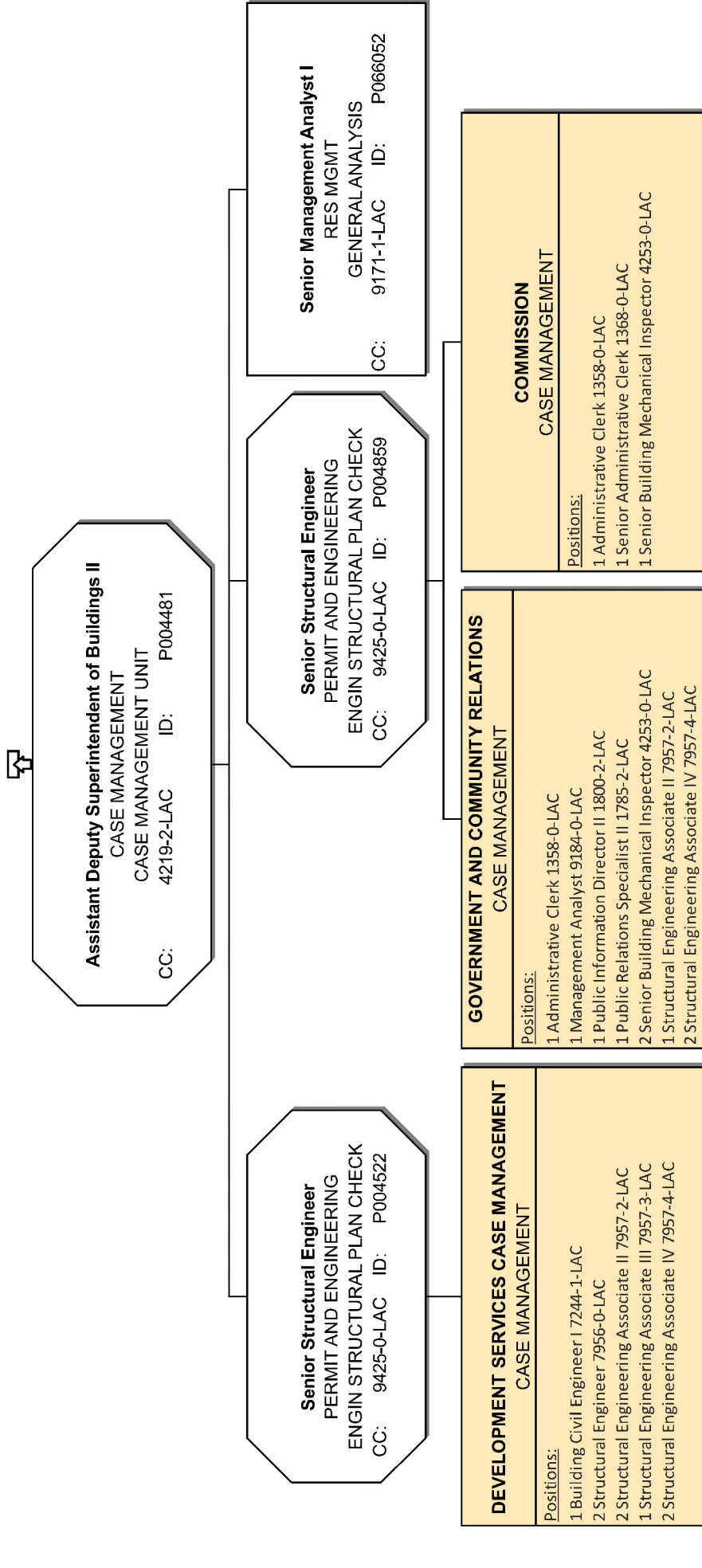
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**LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY**  
**FY 2026-27**

ATTACHMENT I

Maximum allowable FY 2026-27 Contract Expense for GCR \$465,000



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- Supervisor
- Assistant
- Staff

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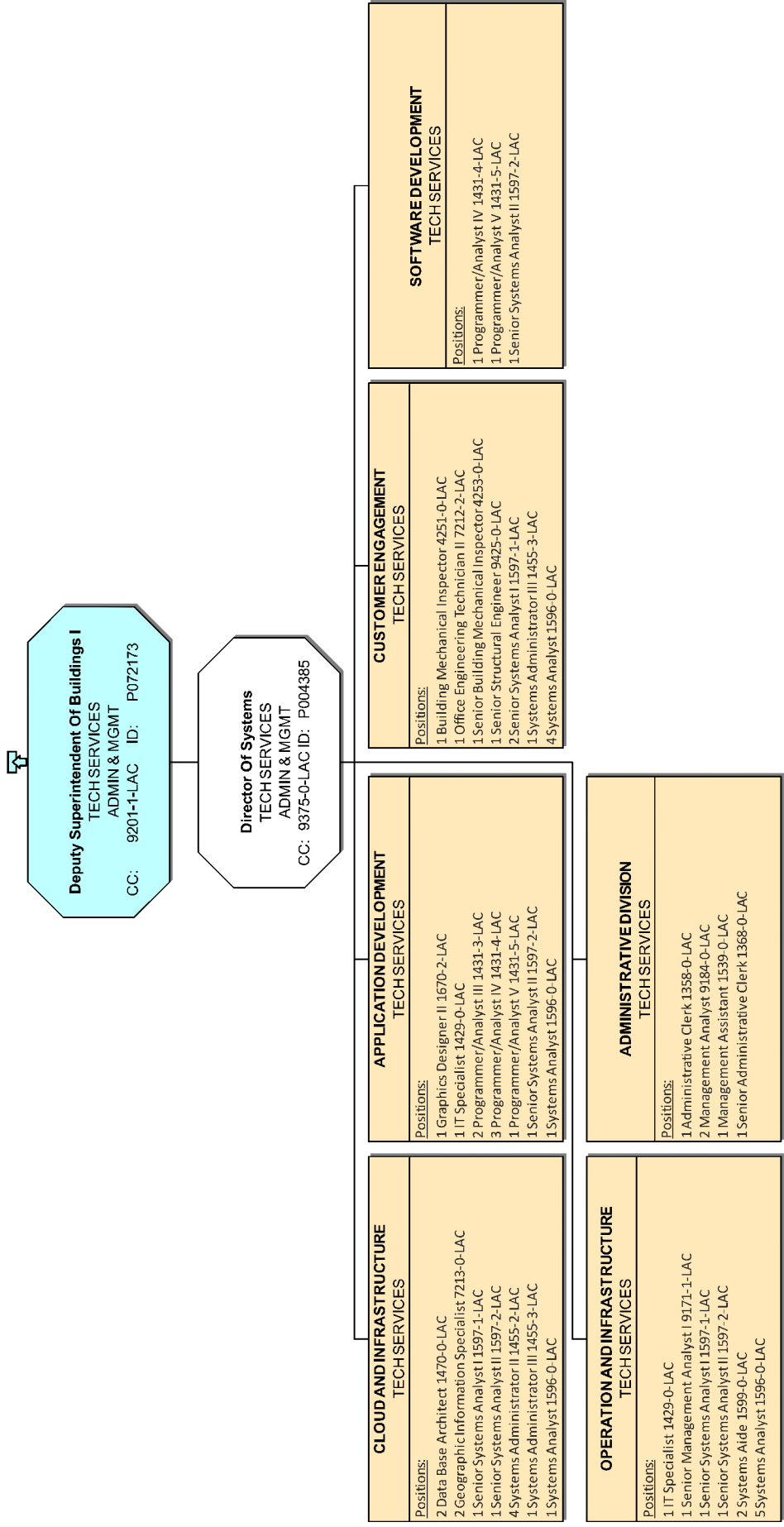


# LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY

**FY 2026-27**

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Maximum allowable FY 2026-27 Contract Expense for TSB \$21,827,219



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- Supervisor
- Assistant
- Staff

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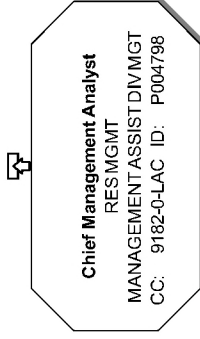


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Maximum allowable FY 2026-27 Contract Expense for RMB \$3,538,094



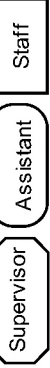
RECORDS MANAGEMENT RES MGMT	
<b>Positions:</b>	
17 Administrative Clerk 1358-0-LAC	
1 Chief Clerk 1253-0-LAC	
2 Management Analyst 9184-0-LAC	
1 Management Assistant 1539-0-LAC	
1 Principal Clerk 1201-0-LAC	
5 Senior Administrative Clerk 1368-0-LAC	
1 Senior Management Analyst I 9171-1-LAC	

CONTRACTS AND SUPPORT SERVICES RES MGMT	
<b>Positions:</b>	
3 Management Analyst 9184-0-LAC	
3 Management Assistant 1539-0-LAC	
1 Senior Management Analyst I 9171-1-LAC	
1 Senior Management Analyst II 9171-2-LAC	
1 Warehouse and Toolroom Worker I 1832-1-LAC	

SUBJECT SPECIALTY GROUP RES MGMT	
<b>Positions:</b>	
8 Administrative Clerk 1358-0-LAC	
1 Senior Administrative Clerk 1368-0-LAC	

BUDGET AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RES MGMT	
<b>Positions:</b>	
4 Management Analyst 9184-0-LAC	
1 Management Assistant 1539-0-LAC	
1 Senior Administrative Clerk 1368-0-LAC	
1 Senior Management Analyst I 9171-1-LAC	
1 Senior Management Analyst II 9171-2-LAC	

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**Departmental Chief Accountant IV**  
 RES MGMT  
 FINANCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRAT  
 CC: 1593-4-LAC ID: P004821

FINANCIAL SERVICES	
RES MGMT	
<u>Positions:</u>	
7	Accountant 1513-0-LAC
22	Accounting Clerk 1223-0-LAC
1	Accounting Records Supervisor I 1119-1-LAC
1	Accounting Records Supervisor II 1119-2-LAC
7	Administrative Clerk 1358-0-LAC
1	Delivery Driver I 1121-1-LAC
1	Fiscal Systems Specialist II 1555-2-LAC
1	Management Analyst 9184-0-LAC
2	Payroll Supervisor 1170-0-LAC
2	Principal Accountant II 1525-2-LAC
2	Senior Accountant I 1523-1-LAC
2	Senior Accountant II 1523-2-LAC
1	Senior Management Analyst II 9171-2-LAC
1	Storekeeper 1835-0-LAC
1	Warehouse and Toolroom Worker I 1832-1-LAC

Legends

Supervisor

Assistant

Staff

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