

## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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- TO: Supervisor Janice Hahn, Chair Supervisor Hilda L. Solis Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath Supervisor Kathryn Barger Fesia Davenport, Chief Executive Officer Dawyn Harrison, Interim County Counsel Press Room
- FROM: Celia Zavala Lin favale Executive Officer
- POSTED: January 20, 2023
- **RE:** Corrections and/or additions to the agenda for the Board meeting of Tuesday, January 24, 2023.

### 1. ADD:

### Appointments to Commissions/Committees/Special Districts

Recommendation for appointment/reappointment and removal for the following Commissions/Committees/Special Districts (+ denotes reappointments): **Documents on file in the Executive Office** 

<u>Supervisor Solis</u> Betty Avila, Commission for Women Samuel Prater, Commission for Children and Families (23-0085)

Public Comment/Correspondence

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### 3. REVISE:

## Capital Improvements to Support Extension of Summer Swim Season at Los Angeles County Pools

**Revised** recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Hahn and <u>Mitchell</u>: Establish and approve the following proposed projects; and find that the proposed projects are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act... (23-0327)

<u>Motion by Supervisor Hahn</u> <u>Public Comment/Correspondence</u>

#### 7. REVISE:

#### End the Blockade of the Lachin Corridor

**Revised** recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Barger and Horvath: Direct the Chief Executive Officer, through the Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division, to send a five-signature letter to President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and Congressman Adam Schiff, with copies to the Armenian Congressional Caucus, calling for the Biden Administration to take the following actions:

Demand the immediate re-opening of the Lachin Corridor and access to the Nagorno-Karabakh region;

Provide humanitarian assistance for the Armenian people impacted by the Azerbaijan blockade of the Lachin Corridor, including food, supplies and medical assistance; and

Introduce a United Nations Security Council Resolution to establish a United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Nagorno-Karabakh; and

End all United States military and economic assistance to Azerbaijan and take all necessary steps to hold the Azerbaijan regime accountable for its crimes,- including using the tools provided by the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act. (23-0320)

<u>Motion by Supervisors Barger and Horvath</u> <u>Public Comment/Correspondence</u> <u>Revised motion by Supervisors Barger and Horvath</u>

#### 12. REVISE:

## Establishing an Independent External Governance Reform Committee to Review and Improve Los Angeles County Board Governance Structure to Strengthen Equity

**Revised** recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Mitchell and Horvath: Authorize the Executive Officer of the Board to waive the County's sole source policy, negotiate and execute an agreement, and any amendments, within 60 days, with an independent third-party entity to convene stakeholders, seek input from the community, and return to the Board with recommendations on updating the County Board governance structure to increase transparency on policy and budget development, improve representation, and advance a more ethical County, with the third-party entity shall represent academia and/or a professional policy group that has expertise at the intersection of government and equity, and should engage internal and external stakeholders, including experts on various local democratic reform issues, as well as members of the community, with the third-party entity to report back to the Board in writing 60 days after being retained, on a proposed stakeholder engagement structure and a workplan outline with associated meeting agendas and timelines; direct the Chief Executive Officer, in coordination with the Executive Officer, to identify an appropriate funding source to cover the cost of the agreement with the third-party entity, including an exploration of philanthropic funding; instruct the Executive Officer to support the third-party entity and report back to the Board in writing within six months after being retaining the third-party entity with findings and analysis retained on an initial set of recommendations, including but not limited to, the following:

Creating a new independent Office of the Chief Analyst, similar to the State Legislative Analyst Office or <u>the City of Los Angeles</u> <u>Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst</u>, to provide separate review of key items before they are voted on <del>at</del> <u>by the</u> Board;

> Establishing a set of publicly transparent policy committees, including a Budget and Appropriations committee, to deliberateall motions in advance of the full Board meetings <u>Reviewing the</u> <u>current policy cluster system and budgeting processes</u>, including suggestions for efficiencies and improvements;

> Conducting an independent review and analysis of the annualbudget for the Chief Executive Office with recommendations foroperational efficiencies Developing a procedure for routine evaluations of the County Code and County Charter;

Exploring the implementation of any priority recommendations lessons learned from the County Citizens Redistricting Commission's <u>Final</u> Report; and

#### Reviewing potential changes to the structure of the Board;

Direct the Chief Executive Officer, through the Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division, to report back to the Board in writing within 60 days on legislative opportunities that would make further amendments to the Brown Act, including <u>explicitly</u> allowing members of the public to comment remotely at public meetings beyond a designated State of emergency, and allow boards and commissions <del>appointed <u>created</u> by the Board to convene virtually where a quorum of the body is present in person and <u>to explicitly</u> allow for remote public comment;</del>

Instruct the Interim County Counsel, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, through the Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative, to report back to the Board in writing in 90 days on recommendations for County campaign finance reforms to advance a more equitable process, including an analysis of adjusting campaign contribution limits, creating a matching funds program for County elections, and establishing fully publicly financed elections; and

> Instruct the Interim County Counsel, in consultation with the Executive Officer, to report back to the Board in writing within 60 days, with a review, analysis and recommendations to clarify the Board Chair's, Chair Pro-Tem's, Chief Executive Officer's, Board members', and County Counsel's express roles and responsibilities, including during a declared local emergency.

> Instruct the Interim County Counsel to prepare an ordinance change to Title 2 - Administration, Chapter 2.190 of the County Code and deleteany provision that limits campaign contributions so that Countycontribution limits are consistent with State levels for both individualcontributions, as well as officeholder committees, pursuant to-Government Code Section 85301(d) and return to the Board forapproval within 30 days; and

Instruct the Interim County Counsel, in consultation with the Executive Officer, to codify in an ordinance, language to prohibit the Chair of the Board from taking any action that would commit County resources or County Departments to specific action without a public vote of the full Board, and return to the Board for approval of the new Board policy within 30 days. (23-0329)

<u>Motion by Supervisor Mitchell</u> <u>Public Comment/Correspondence</u> <u>Revised motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Horvath</u>

#### 13. REVISE:

## Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program Agreements with L.A. Care and Health Net

**Revised** recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis: Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to accept Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) funds for the people needing assistance with Activities of Daily Living Program and Unit Acquisition Program in the amount of \$50,000,000 from L.A. Care and \$34,000,000 from Health Net, and any additional HHIP funds awarded to the Homeless Initiative by L.A. Care or Health Net; and take any actions and execute any related documents, agreements, contracts, or amendments, that are necessary to effectuate the utilization of HHIP funds; and authorize the Interim Director of Mental Health to take the following actions:... (23-0314)

Public Comment/Correspondence Revised motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis Motion by Supervisor Mitchell

#### 28. REQUEST:

The Director of Public Health requests that the following item be continued two weeks to February 7, 2023:

# Re-Employ a Retired County Employee to a Full-Time Permanent Position

Recommendation: Authorize the Director of Public Health to re-employ retired Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association (LACERA) member, Susan Frank, to a full-time permanent status in compliance with the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Law of 1937, subject to your Board's approval and the subsequent approval of LACERA's Board of Retirement, the member's re-employment date will be retroactive to February 5, 2019, the date Ms. Frank actually returned to work. **(Department of Public Health)** APPROVE (23-0269)

Board Letter Public Comment/Correspondence

### 32. REQUEST:

The Chief Probation Officer requests that the following item be referred back to the Department:

### **Rescind the Juvenile Institutions Services Hiring Freeze**

Recommendation: Rescind the Probation Juvenile Institutions Services budget unit hiring freeze, as approved by Board Order No. 54 of October 5, 2021, allowing the Department to re-start the process of recruiting, hiring and training entry level juvenile hall staff and promoting qualified staff to positions of higher-level responsibility. (Probation Department) APPROVE (Continued from the meetings of 9-13-22, 9-27-22, 10-4-22 and 11-15-22) (22-3214)

Board Letter Public Comment/Correspondence

## CS-1. REVISE:

## CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

(Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Significant exposure to litigation (<del>one case</del> <u>two cases</u>) (23-0293) <u>Public Comment/Correspondence</u>

#### SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

## 41-A. Affirming Rights of Tenants and Property Owners and Extending Protections and Assistance to Prevent an Increase in Homelessness

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Horvath and Solis: Approve and instruct the Chair to sign a resolution, further amending and restating the Los Angeles County COVID-19 Tenant Protection Resolution, to do the following:

> Prohibit landlords from seeking an eviction action against tenants for the presence of unauthorized occupants and/or pets necessitated by COVID-19 through January 31, 2024, once the protections expire, require landlords to provide tenants with a 30-day notice to "cure or quit" prior to filing an eviction based on the presence of unauthorized occupants and/or pets that began during the term of the Los Angeles County COVID-19 Tenant Protections Resolution and before January 20, 2023, for one year after the protections expire; and

> Extend the remaining protections in the resolution through June 30, 2023, in order to protect tenants from the risk of being evicted due to the non-payment of back-due rent, until they can utilize rental relief funds to be provided in Recommendation Nos. 2 and 3 below;

Direct the Chief Executive Officer to allocate \$5,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act COVID-19 Emergency Funding, as identified in the 30-day report back for Board Order No. 62-A from December 20, 2022, to the following programs:

\$2,000,000 to Stay Housed LA for rental relief; and

> \$3,000,000 to the new non-Mortgage Small Landlord, aka Mom-and-Pop, Assistance Program, for landlords without a mortgage, as described in the 30-day report back from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, the program will provide up to \$30,000 directly to landlords that agree that the acceptance of the funds will fully satisfy any unpaid rent a tenant, or tenants, have and explicitly agree that the tenant, or tenants, cannot be evicted for that purpose;

Direct the Chief Executive Officer, the Director of Consumer Business and Affairs, and the Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority, to report back to the Board in writing in 30 days, on the development of a Rent Relief Program to be administered by the Director of Consumer and Business Affairs, which would prioritize serving tenants most at risk of eviction due to unpaid back rent after June 30, 2023, when the current tenant protections expire, with the program and rental assistance to be provided, to be in partnership with the impacted landlords and property owners, to the extent feasible assistance for unpaid rent shall be provided directly to property owners; and with the report back to include an estimate of impacted renters, program framework, implementation timeline, funds needed, and potential funding sources, with the goal of creating and scaling the program before June 30, 2023; and

Instruct the Director of Consumer Business and Affairs to update their tenant protections website, clearly articulating the rights of tenants and property owners. (23-0369)

Report by Department of Consumer and Business Affairs Motion by Supervisors Horvath and Solis Public Comment/Correspondence

Revised motion by Supervisors Horvath and Solis

#### 41-B. Implementing Homekey Round 3

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Hahn: Approve a Model Master Agreement for the Homekey program for the period of execution through December 31, 2027, with up to two one-year and six month-to-month extension options, for a maximum total term of seven years; authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Master Agreement (MAs) similar to the Model Agreement with qualified entities identified through the County's Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ); and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to take the following related actions:

> Enter into MAs for the Homekey Program with additional vendors that meet all minimum requirements and qualifications as outlined in the initial RFSQ issues during the ensuing four-year and six-month period;

Execute amendments to the MAs as set forth throughout the Model Agreement, including, to effectuate assignment of the MAs, to a new contracting entity, upon determining that such assignment is in the best interest of the County, and execute applicable documents when the original contracting entity has merged, been purchased, or otherwise change; modify the MAs to include new or revised standard County contract provisions adopted by the Board, as required from time to time, including all applicable documents; execute the extension options, if it is in the best interest of the County; and terminate the MAs, either in whole or in part; and

Execute work orders, and amendments to work orders, including extensions, if it is in the best interest of the County, for services provided on a work order basis under the MA. (23-0354)

<u>Motion by Supervisor Hahn</u> <u>Public Comment/Correspondence</u>

#### 41-C. Investigating Natural Gas Price Increases

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Barger and Mitchell: Direct the Chief Executive Officer through the Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division, in consultation with the Interim County Counsel and relevant County Departments, to:

> Send a five-signature letter to the Chair of the California State Legislature's Senate Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications, and the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Energy, asking that they investigate the Statewide spike of natural gas prices and requesting funding to harden and increase the resiliency of public utility infrastructure; and

Monitor and report back to the Board in writing on the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC's) en banc on high natural gas prices and the actions the CPUC is considering to address the impact on ratepayers; and

Direct the Chief Executive Officer and the Interim Director of Public Social Services, in consultation with the Directors of Consumer and Business Affairs and Economic Opportunity, to identify financial assistance opportunities that are available to overburdened customers and households and report back to the Board in writing in 21 days; and work with the Southern California Gas Company, to identify and publicize customer programs and financial assistance opportunities available to overburdened customers. (23-0338)

Public Comment/Correspondence Motion by Supervisors Barger and Mitchell Revised motion by Supervisors Barger and Mitchell

## 41-D. Establishing a Roadmap to Address the Mental Health Bed Shortage

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Barger and Mitchell: Instruct the Interim Director of Mental Health, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, to retain a consultant to work with the Departments on the analysis and roadmap, and analyze existing data and reports; perform a gap analysis analyzing the current and future projected needs for inpatient mental health beds and facilities, consulting existing data and reports, as well as other relevant Departments, service providers and labor, and report back to the Board in writing in 180 days; and develop a comprehensive roadmap to address the specific gaps in the mental health bed continuum at each bed type and level, including existing and potential funding sources, bed procurement opportunities, and legal, contracting or regulatory barriers, and include this in the report back due in 180 days. (23-0361)

Motion by Supervisors Barger and Mitchell Public Comment/Correspondence

### 41-E. Improving Stakeholder Engagement in Mapping Fire Hazard Severity Zones in State Responsibility Areas

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Barger and Horvath: Direct the Chief Executive Officer, through the Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division, in consultation with the Interim County Counsel, the Interim Fire Chief, the Director of Regional Planning, and other relevant County Departments, to send a five-signature letter to Daniel Berlant, Acting State Fire Marshall, requesting a 120-day extension from the current deadline of February 3, 2023, for the current public comment process for the Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps in State Responsibility Areas, and the underlying data and resources used in the development of the Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps be made public for review by stakeholders; and advocate for the State Legislature to amend existing code to require more frequent and periodic updates to the Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps and require longer public comment windows. (23-0360)

Motion by Supervisors and Barger and Horvath Public Comment/Correspondence

## 41-F. Establishing A Safety Inspection Team for Interim Housing and Shelter Sites

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Barger: Direct the Chief Executive Officer, through the Homeless Initiative, in collaboration with Interim Executive Director of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the Interim Fire Chief, and the Director of Public Works, Building and Safety, to report back to the Board in writing within 30 days with recommendations on establishing a team designed to verify compliance with facility standards and protocols for Augmented Winter Shelters, and interim housing sites. This team will review, monitor, and certify that all shelter and interim housing sites are compliant, up to code and meet minimum safety requirements; and this County unit will work alongside the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), local jurisdictions and providers to ensure the requirements for safety and habitability are met and verified, and for LAHSA-contracted providers to be reimbursed, they must ensure that all interim housing facilities have been verified by this unit to pass inspection. (23-0365)

Motion by Supervisor Barger Public Comment/Correspondence

## 41-G. Partnering with Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) Anti-Poverty Initiative

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Solis and Barger: Direct the Chief Executive Officer, in partnership with the Interim Executive Director of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and the Directors of Consumer and Business Affairs, Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion, and Economic Opportunity, to coordinate with Business Federation (BizFed) as part of their efforts to eradicate homelessness in the County; and take the following actions:

Instruct the Directors of Consumer and Business Affairs and Economic Opportunity, to collaborate on an outreach campaign to reach employers and employees to introduce them to our respective suite of resources and services, including Center for financial empowerment's BankOn, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, financial coaching, as well as foreclosure prevention, tenant protections, shelter and housing vouchers programs and fraud prevention; and

Instruct the Director of Economic Opportunity to prioritize on job readiness, industry job matchmaking, training opportunities, leveraging training dollars, contracting opportunities, etc., and report back to the Board in writing in six months to evaluate the partnership. (23-0355)

Motion by Supervisors Solis and Barger Public Comment/Correspondence

### 41-H. Authorize the County to Submit Infill Infrastructure Grant Catalytic Qualifying Infill Areas Program Concept Proposal

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Solis: Authorize and direct the Chief Executive Officer, on behalf of the County, to submit to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), a concept proposal for funding under the Infill Infrastructure Grant Catalytic Qualifying Infill Areas Program (IIGC), pursuant to the Request for Concept Proposals dated November 30, 2022, for the LAC+USC Restorative Care Village Project, located on County-owned property at the northeast corner of North Mission Road and Griffin Avenue, with Assessor Parcel Nos. 5210-015-902, -904, -905, and -906, in the City of Los Angeles (Project), in a total estimated amount of \$15,000,000, as defined in the Request for Concept Proposals, for funding under the IIGC dated by HCD on November 30, 2022; and designate the Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority, to act as the agent for the County, to administer the Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG) funds for the Project, negotiate and enter into any necessary indemnity agreements with Century Affordable Development, Inc., distribute the IIG funds, and take all necessary actions to comply with IIG program requirements. (Relates to Agenda No. 2-D) (23-0362)

Motion by Supervisor Solis Public Comment/Correspondence

### 41-I. LA Opera and Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México Parking Fee Waiver

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Solis: Waive \$4,500 in parking fees for 110 vehicles on February 11, 2023, March 4, 2023, and May 6, 2023, and 30 vehicles on February 9 and 10, 2023, and May 18 and 19, 2023, at the Music Center Garage, excluding the cost of liability, for workshops in Spanish for both teachers and community members, to be hosted by the LA Opera and Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. (23-0351)

Motion by Supervisor Solis Public Comment/Correspondence

### 41-J. New Pyxis MedStation System Sole Source Acquisition

Recommendation: Acting as the Governing Body of the Consolidated Fire Protection District (District), approve the District's request and authorize the Director of Internal Services, as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the sole source acquisition of a new Pyxis MedStation System from Becton, Dickinson and Company, for an approximate amount of \$1,161,000, to store and provide controlled drug restock to all paramedic units; approve an appropriation adjustment to transfer \$1,161,000 from the Fire Department - Appropriations for Contingencies, to the Emergency Medical Services Budget Unit's Capital Assets - Equipment and Services and Supplies appropriations, for the purchase of the 25 Pyxis Machines, a C-II safe vault, the Information Technology infrastructure, and built-in support fees for 12 months; and find that the purchase is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. **(Fire Department)** APPROVE **4-VOTES** (23-0337)

Public Comment/Correspondence Board Letter

#### LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

#### 2-D. ADD:

### Authorize the County to Submit infill Infrastructure Grant Catalytic Qualifying Infill Areas Program Concept Proposal

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Solis: Designate the Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority, acting as the agent for the County, to administer the Infill Infrastructure Grant Catalytic Qualifying Infill Areas Program (IIGC) funds for the LAC+USC Restorative Care Village Project, negotiate and enter into any necessary indemnity agreements with Century Affordable Development, Inc., distribute the IIGC funds, and take all necessary actions to comply with IIGC program requirements. (Relates to Agenda No. 41-H) (23-0328)

Public Comment/Correspondence Motion by Supervisor Solis