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- TO: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Chair Supervisor Hilda L. Solis Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath Supervisor Janice Hahn Fesia Davenport, Chief Executive Officer Dawyn Harrison, County Counsel Press Room
- FROM: Edward Yen Edward ym Executive Officer
- POSTED: January 31, 2025
- **RE:** Additions and/or revisions to the agenda for the Board meeting of Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

8. REVISE:

Support for Assembly Bill 246 (Bryan): State of Emergency: Residential Rent Increases: County of Los Angeles: Price Gouging: Enforcement by District Attorney

<u>Revised</u> recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Horvath: Direct the Chief Executive Officer, through the Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch, to express support for Assembly Bill 246 (Bryan), legislation which would freeze rental rates in Los Angeles County at the amount charged as of January 7, 2025; and authorize the District Attorney to enforce these provisions, and subject a violation of these provisions to a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000 to remain in effect until 12 months after the state of emergency; <u>and</u> request that the bill be amended to expressly allow County Counsel to enforce the provisions of the Civil Code referenced in the bill. (25-0788) <u>Motion by Supervisor Horvath (Exempt from Cluster)</u> <u>Revised Motion by Supervisor Horvath (Exempt from Cluster)</u> Public Comment/Correspondence

33. REQUEST:

The County Librarian requests that the following item be continued to February 25, 2025:

Armed Security Guard Services for LA County Library Area Contracts

Recommendation: Find that armed security guard services for LA County Library facilities can be performed more economically by an independent contractor; approve and instruct the Chair to sign five contracts with Inter-Con Security Services Systems, Inc ... (25-0385)

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40. REVISE:

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Replacement Program, Generator Building Retrofit Project

Revised recommendation: Find that the proposed Generator Building Retrofit Project Component, including the acquisition of equipment, is within the scope of the environmental impacts analyzed in the previously certified Final Environmental Impact Report and subsequent Addenda Nos. 1, 2, and 3 for the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Campus Master Plan (2); adopt plans and specifications that are on file with Public Works for construction of the Generator Building Retrofit Project Component for the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Replacement Program, Capital Project No. 67965 (Project); advertise for bids to be received by February 26, 2025 <u>March 31, 2025</u>; and authorize the Director of Public Works to take the following actions: **(Department of Public Works)** ADOPT

Execute a consultant services agreement with the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder to prepare a baseline construction schedule for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 funded by the Project funds;... (25-0568)

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SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

51-A. Motion to Proclaim February 2025 as "African American History Month" in Los Angeles County, as submitted by Supervisor Mitchell. (25-0853)

> Motion by Supervisor Mitchell Public Comment/Correspondence

51-B. Combatting Los Angeles County's Price Gouging Crisis: Protecting Renters and Consumers

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Horvath and Barger: Instruct County Counsel, in collaboration with the Director of Consumer Business Affairs, to return to the Board at the February 11, 2025 Board meeting with a draft resolution to increase the maximum civil penalty allowed under County Code, Title 8 - Consumer Protection, Business and Wage Regulations, Chapter 8.09, for price gouging in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per violation; authorize County Counsel, at their discretion, to consider initiating litigation, joining existing litigation, or filing an amicus brief in litigation regarding price gouging and price fixing algorithmic software; instruct the Director of Consumer and Business Affairs to consult with stakeholders, including tenants and property owners, and report back to the Board in writing in 60 days on limiting the use, sale, or licensing of algorithmic rental price fixing software that sets or raises rental amounts, using recently adopted ordinances in other jurisdictions like the City of San Francisco, as a guide; and take the following actions:

Instruct the Director of Personnel, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Consumer and Business Affairs, to request Disaster Service Workers with the relevant experience to assist the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs in the investigation of price gouging complaints and other critical consumer protection functions;

Direct the Chief Executive Officer, through the Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch, in consultation with the Director of Consumer and Business Affairs, to draft a

> five-signature letter requesting all online housing providers, applications, and platforms offering housing accommodations for sale or for rent, including short term rentals including, but not limited to, Redfin, Zillow, Apartments.com, AirBnB, and VRBO to do the following:

> > Provide a notice on their website, through a banner headline or other means that the County is under a state of emergency and price gouging laws are in effect;

> > Display information on the state of emergency and price gouging laws when customers do geographic searches for areas within the County; and

> > Preserve rental price history for properties listed and removed from the platform that were rented or removed without being rented, a minimum of 30 days prior to the emergency declaration and through the duration of the emergency declaration. (25-0857)

Motion by Supervisors Horvath and Barger (Exempt from Cluster) Public Comment/Correspondence

51-C. Immediate Action to Remove Toxic Fire Debris and Contaminant Runoff from Los Angeles County Beaches

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Horvath: Instruct the Director of Public Works, in coordination with the Directors of Beaches and Harbors and the Office of Emergency Management to do the following:

Submit a request to all appropriate State and Federal agencies for additional resources and expertise to safely and rapidly remove ash sediment and debris from impacted beaches and coastal waters;

Consult and seek opportunities for assistance from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Environmental Restoration's Office of Response and Restoration, which is responsible for evaluating and restoring coastal habitats damaged by hazardous waste releases, oil spills and other debris;

Explore and leverage partnerships with organizations that are dedicated to making our oceans and beaches clean for the enjoyment of all people; and

Identify any additional State and Federal resources available to help restore and remediate our beaches;

Instruct the Director of Beaches and Harbors, in consultation with the Directors of Public Works and the Office of Emergency Management, to report back to the Board in writing in five days on whether protocols identified from the Director of Public Works' December 11, 2023 report entitled, "Board Motion of September 12, 2023, Agenda Item 16 Protecting Santa Monica Bay and Los Angeles County Beaches from Trash and Pollution," followed and what additional protocols and resources are needed to respond before and after a rainstorm event to remove any fire debris and ash from beaches and water, including recommendations for an on-call contractor to help facilitate rapid removal;

> Instruct the Director of Public Health, in coordination with the Directors of Beaches and Harbors and Public Works, and the State Water Resources Control Board, to report back to the Board in writing in 10 days on the following:

Existing testing protocols for water quality and debris on beaches and ocean water;

Collaboration with the State Water Resources Control Board to expand ocean water sampling to include potential toxins and chemicals;

Current efforts in response to the fires and storm runoff in partnership with State and local partners; and

Recommendations on how protocols could be improved and the resources needed to address impactful events other than a storm, including coordinating with relevant public agencies and research institutions; and

Instruct the Director of Public Works, in coordination with the Directors of Public Health, Beaches and Harbors, and the Office of Emergency Management, to report back to the Board in writing in 15 days with best practices for cleaning up beaches and coastal waters from toxic or carcinogenic chemicals and debris based on municipal action following similar natural disaster events, such as the Lahaina and Thomas Fires. (25-0859)

Motion by Supervisor Horvath (Exempt from Cluster) Director of Public Works Report dated December 11, 2023 Public Comment/Correspondence

51-D. Transportation Services Contract

Recommendation: Approve and instruct the Director of Public Health to execute a contract with the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, selected under a competitive solicitation process for the provision of transportation services for eligible Ryan White Program (RWP) clients in the County, effective March 1, 2025 through February 29, 2028, for a total maximum amount of \$159,228, consisting of \$53,076 annually for transportation services, 100% funded by Health Resources and Services Administration RWP Part A funds, Assistance Listing No. 93.914; and authorize the Director to take the following actions: (Department of Public Health) APPROVE

> Execute amendments to the contracts that extend the term through February 28, 2031, contingent upon the availability of funds and contractor performance, allow an internal reallocation of funds between budgets, provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 10% above or below each term's annual base maximum obligation, correct errors in the contracts' terms and conditions, and/or update the statement of work, as necessary;

Execute change notices to the contracts that authorize modifications to the budget with corresponding modifications to the statement of work that are within the same scope of services, as necessary, and changes to hours of operation and/or service locations; and

Immediately suspend or terminate any contract upon issuing a written notice to contractors who fail to fully comply with contract requirements and terminate contracts for convenience by providing a 30-calendar day advance written notice to contractors. (25-0835)

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