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[00:00:00] LA This Week

Housing Department will receive \$2.9 million in support of the mayor's plan to use city owned properties to alleviate the homelessness crisis. La's Department of Transportation will receive a \$500,000 grant to explore Pedestrianising, part of MacArthur Park. Another grant of \$500,000 will go to streets LA to create a plan for a transport hub at Warner Center in the San Fernando Valley. For more information, visit [skagska. Dot gov](http://skagska.dot.gov). Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. La DWP has launched two new online interactive tools for its residential customers. My Water Insights is an online portal which allows customers to see their water usage, find out about savings and link to bill payments. The program sends bi monthly reports to residential customers. Energy advisor is an interactive tool which offers a home energy calculator. Customers answer questions about their household energy use

to assess habits and generate specific ways to conserve energy and save money. For more information on each tool, visit ladwp.com. Slash My Water Insights and la.dwp.com/energy advisor. Resource fairs are a great way for community members to get information on a variety of services and assistance in one place. A recent fair and historic Filipinotown was one of the first such events in the neighborhood. We're in historic Filipinotown. This is Rosemont Avenue, which is right next to or the Rosemont Elementary School that we have here. And this is one of the first resource fairs. We're just making sure that people have everything that they need at this resource fair. We've got food distributions, we've got vaccines, we've got the children's center. The classic cars are here from the Ghetto Car Club, Halloween themed. We've got a lot of activities for kids, a lot of stuff for families, and we're just here to have a good time and serve the community. This is kind of like a one stop shop of where we can get all of that together and bring people together and have a wonderful time. We are presenting a Filipino. Worker center. But we can also help for other communities. We are here to share our knowledge. People. Who knows what to do? M.s. millones de personas estan en la calle sufriendo de frio, sufriendo de hambre y asi es Como nuestra organizacion. Les vamos a poder ayudar para estas personas traten de salir de estos problemas. Families can learn about the different resources that are available to them, so that they're able to access those resources and also be able to benefit from them. What it really comes down to is how your local government and government can serve its people and its serve its needs. And so these community resource fairs are are a way to do that so that people don't have to find it so intimidating and hard. We just bring it to them. Playing in the street is not generally encouraged in LA unless it's for play. Streets. This initiative between LA's Department of Transportation and local communities shuts out the traffic and inspires residents of all ages to come out and play safely together. Take a look. So a Play Streets event is when Ladot partners with community members to close down a street to traffic. No cars and just people around walking around playing. People, families bring out their children. It's really just a great event for people to come together. You know, we have we have food, we have activities for the kids. We have resources for families, you know, and really just the goal of this event was really to bring the community together and really just let them know that they are safe within the community. And you know that there are these programs available within the community and these outlets essentially to be able to express yourself. You know, there's local folclorico, local Zumba classes, music classes, you know, just wanted to get all this information out there and make people feel like they're safe within their community. Play Street is here to engage the community, specifically the children in our community, to empower them, to give them activities to do here in the southeast LA area. And we're here as part of the neighborhood council to support that, to offer pathways to the young people to be involved with the Los Angeles city government and offer them pathways to be leaders in their communities. We had our first Play Streets event, actually, before Covid and during during the pandemic. Unfortunately, we had to shut down this program, but we've brought it back and now have brought it to several neighborhoods around Los Angeles. In South LA. We've brought it to the Valley, we've brought it to Alvarado Terrace all over the city, and it's just a great opportunity to bring play streets to communities. Aqui en la comunidad de nuevo and en colaboracion con la dot. United we stand y muchos otros participantes del vento y la creamos hacer con este vento es una la comunidad y si tienen si tienen el poder de crear eventos. Si tienen la oportunidad de disputar dentro de su comunidad sentirse sentirse seguros dentro de su comunidad. It's really a opportunity to celebrate public space and have community come together. With 72 branches and a central library hub, the Los Angeles Public Library system is a welcoming place for everyone, whether you visit a branch in person or investigate the extensive collections online. There's no doubt that this is a great community resource. Is many things. First is our over 1200 employees. Is also our collections and the people that come into our buildings and use our collections both in person and electronically. The Los Angeles Public Library is comprised of 72 branch libraries spread out throughout the communities in Los Angeles, and also a 73rd library, which is our central library located in downtown, which is the center of the library system. This is where all of our administrative offices are located. And also this is where we have the most extensive collections here within this building. So the Central library kind of acts as the hub for the entire system. Our branches are free to come into. This central library building is free to walk into. You don't need a library card. You know, we don't ask you for ideas. You walk in the building and everyone is welcome. And I think especially in this city, because we're so spread out, it's really hard to find that sense of community. And I want people to know that the library is that community place. You know, people don't realize that we have something called a new American Center and a lot of our branches where we actually help acquaint people that may be new to this country, new immigrants on how to kind of navigate American society during tax season. We do a lot of work with Vida to help people kind of prepare their taxes. It's free tax assistance. We also have Cybersnauts and a lot of our branches that will help people kind of navigate the internet. You can get your high school diploma through Career Online High School here at the library. And I think the biggest thing that people don't realize is that we aren't just a physical building anymore, that our collections extend virtually. We do have a great website that everyone is encouraged to visit. Org. It's open 24 over seven. We have all of our e-resources on there. Our catalog is accessible. A lot of those online databases I talked about. If you don't have a library card you can apply, you can start the process to apply for one online and we also have a wonderful calendar of events located online. So you can see at any given time what is happening at our community branches here at the Central Library. So I think people need to kind of visit us and see that we are different, I think, than most people realize, and that we have a lot of resources that aren't just contained within our four walls. From a healthy meal to the health of the planet, there are many ways to tackle food access, affordability and fairness. The Los Angeles Food Policy Council held a Good food Day to highlight the work they do as a collective impact organization. Los Angeles Food Policy Council is a collective impact organization working towards making food accessible, affordable, sustainable and fair for all. So we prioritize that we're able to achieve food sovereignty and food access in the region. Food is such a critical part of healthy families, healthy communities, and a healthy planet. This things that you can learn to make your own food healthier, your entire community healthier. And the huge connection is to the environment of how the food connects with having a greener planet. We're celebrating the global celebration of Food Day. So it's a day of recognizing food and our food systems not only with regards to climate change, but also understanding that food impacts economic resilience, economic development, and to bring nutrition and food access to the most disenfranchised community. This event today is for people who are involved in the environmental movement, but also just for the general public. We had people just stopping by who saw this was going on, grabbed a compost bin, learned some information. So it's really here today to serve the whole community. It's very important as we organize these events to involve our elected officials, primarily for them to understand the importance of policy and systemic changes that can happen at the city level, that can facilitate the process of making food accessible, affordable and sustainable for all. Visit our website [WW dot goodfood ala.org](http://WWdotgoodfoodala.org). And we hope to have you being more involved. In this week's feature story, the busy plaza at El Pueblo connects to the city's

past. But as general manager Arturo Chavez tells me, there are plans in place to preserve important traditions and adapt for the future. Founded in 1781, El Pueblo de la Reina de Los Angeles became the second civil settlement in Alta California. Now, El Pueblo is an area where different events, celebrations, and community meet ups take place, cementing LA's diverse nature. Joining me today to discuss its evolution and current significance is Arturo Chavez, general manager at El Pueblo Historic Monument. So tell me, I know El Pueblo is described as the heart of Los Angeles, but what does it mean to you specifically? Well, it's actually the heart of Los Angeles, but the birthplace of Los Angeles. So what does it mean is that this is where the city grew. This is where the city started, and this is where the city has expanded. As you can see how big we are as the city of Los Angeles now. In fact, it shows the cultural diversity of the city. We have a plaque there that has the 44 original Pobladores. Right. And many of those were indigenous. Many of those were African-American. And so what ends up happening is that it shows people coming together to build the city right during that period of time. With that, right. We also have the Chinese American Museum there, and we also have the Italian American Museum, which are both housed at Pueblo. What drew you to El Pueblo specifically? Well, interestingly enough, you know, I'm an immigrant born in Juarez. And when I was just a little child is that we came on a train from Juarez, and the first thing we saw was a pueblo. You know, pueblo is like a plaza, right? In any country that you go in Mexico or even south of the border. Right? Any of the Central American countries, there's a plaza, there's a placita. And that's where people gather at night. That's where people gather throughout the day. They shop, they eat, they meet boyfriends and girlfriends, you know, they turn around. And that's where people are so attracted to it because it brings back memories of your hometowns. Significa el pueblo monumento historico. Important en la ciudad de Los Angeles. Porque porque lo tenemos edificios son muy antiguos y el desarrollo de la ciudad destruido muchas edificios son historicos. Entonces la presentacion y la manera de nos vamos a Los servicios son historicos is important in the moment. Estamos con un plan. Maestro. Maestro de un idea de qué se puede hacer con con participacion de comunidad con participacion de las personas estan per se puede. Si se puede no se puede. Si se puede no se puede emplear es una manera de conectar el Centro Civico con el Pueblo también todos esses discussions obviamente para tener un plan mas claro de Como se puede destroyer mas e no muchas veces, pero es Como se VA preservar Como esto. Es importante en este tiempo. Mid-city, Mercato and Councilwoman Heather Hutt invite you to the first annual Dia de Los Muertos Festival Block Party. This day long celebration is bringing day of the dead to Mid-City. The block party will feature a community altar, an art gallery, workshops, traditional dancing, food trucks, a beer garden, a community mural, and a Ferris wheel. This free festival takes place along West Adams Boulevard from Thurman Avenue to Carmona Avenue. Check out the first annual Dia de Los Muertos event with Councilwoman Heather Hutt on Saturday, November 4th. The party goes from noon to 9 p.m.. For more info, visit cd10.city.gov/calendar. Embrace self-expression and DIY culture at LA Central Library as it hosts Independent Voices, a celebration of authors and zines. The celebration features hands on workshops at the library's Octavia Lab, along with professional writing coaches and talks in other library spaces. Award winning graphic novelist James Spooner will serve as the keynote speaker, detailing his journey as an artist, illustrator and filmmaker. Don't miss the free Independent Voices events at LA Central Library on Saturday, November 4th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a full schedule, visit lapl.torghundi. The United American Indian involvement in partnership with the Autry Museum present the Los Angeles POW Wow 2023 and everyone's invited on Saturday, November 4th. There will be live performances, drums, dancers, contests, and much more. Native arts and crafts will be on sale at vendor booths throughout the day. This event is free and open to the public. Join the Los Angeles POW Wow 2023 outdoors at the Autry Museum of the American West in Griffith Park on Saturday, November 4th from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. for more information, go to the [Autry. Org](http://Autry.Org) slash events. And that's a look at some things to do. And that's all for this edition. I'm Natalia Bilbao and from all of us here at LA this week. Thank you so much for joining us. You can watch us online anytime at LA City Morgue and we're also on Instagram, Facebook and YouTube. See you next time for more LA this week. You.

[00:26:42] CM Krekorian

To this meeting of your Los Angeles City Council. Happy Halloween everyone! Today is October, Tuesday, October 31st, 2023 and we're ready to begin. I'm Paul Krekorian, president of the council. Public comment will be taken today, both here in person in the John Ferraro Council Chambers and by teleconference as well. Mr. clerk, if you could please call the roll.

[00:27:05] Clerk

Yes, Mr. president, Blumenfield de Leon. Harris-Dawson. Hernandez. Krikorian. Lee. Mccosker. Padilla. Park. Price. Ramon. Rodriguez. Soto. Martinez. Yaroslavsky. 13 members present and a quorum. Mr. President,

[00:27:19] CM Krekorian

Thank you. First order of business?

[00:27:20] Clerk

Approval of the Minutes of October 27th, 2023.

[00:27:23] CM Krekorian

Council member Soto Martinez moves Council member McCosker seconds. Next.

[00:27:28] Clerk

Combinatory resolutions for approval.

[00:27:29] CM Krekorian

Councilmember Park moves Councilmember Rahman seconds. Next.

[00:27:33] Clerk

Mr. president, today is Tuesday and it's time for the flag salute.

[00:27:36] CM Krekorian

Very good. Council member Park, could you please lead us in the flag salute?

[00:27:44] CM Park

Are ready to begin. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. And to the Republic for which it stands. One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

[00:28:02] CM Krekorian

Thank you very much, Mr. Clark. Let's run through the agenda, please.

[00:28:05] Clerk

Yes, Mr. president, items one through 14 are items. Notice for public hearing. Items 15 through 22 are items for which public hearings have been held. The Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council has submitted a community impact statement for item 19 in support of the matter. Items 23 through 32 are items for which public hearings have not been held. Ten votes are required for consideration.

[00:28:28] CM Krekorian

Very good. Without objection, members, those items are now before us. Are there any items that any member would like to call special? Council member Rodriguez?

[00:28:40] CM Rodriguez

Yes. I'd like to call items 23, 24 special for questions and item 22 for a friendly amendment.

[00:28:49] CM Krekorian

Do you have that available now?

[00:28:50] CM Rodriguez

I'm sorry?

[00:28:51] CM Krekorian

Do you have the friendly amendment available?

[00:28:52] CM Rodriguez

Yes. In recommendation number six, I would like to add the Bureau of Contract Administration into the instruction. BCA into the instruction.

[00:29:02] CM Krekorian

Okay. With that objection that-

[00:29:06] Clerk

Is there a second to this motion?

[00:29:09] CM Krekorian

Okay. There's no objection that amendment will be accepted. Okay. Uh, Council member Raman?

[00:29:18] CM Raman

I had an amendment for item 21 and an additional instruction. And I believe the city attorney should have that language to read.

[00:29:27] CM Krekorian

Okay, Mr. City attorney.

[00:29:30] City Attorney

Yes. The motion reads that I move that item 21 on today's agenda. Be amended to include the following additional instructions. One: Amend recommendation seven to the following: Authorize the General Manager of LAHD, or designee, to execute an amendment to contract number C-138260 with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. This amendment will increase the contract by \$3,658,596, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$67,235,420.20 to conduct Targeted Tenant Anti Harassment Ordinance outreach and education, subject to the contractor's performance, funding, availability and approval of the City Attorney as to form and add recommendation number 12. Authorize the General Manager of LAHD, or designee to prepare and release a request for proposals to solicit qualified legal service providers to provide legal representation services for the protections from Tenant Harassment Program to pursue a private right of action against violators of the Tenant Anti Harassment Ordinance, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney as to form, assess the responses of the subject RFP and submit the results with recommendations to the Mayor and City Council, including funding levels and controller instructions.

[00:31:09] CM Raman

And just to clarify that LAHD is available to answer questions about either of these amendments and later in the meeting as required. And I also had a friendly amendment for item 22. Oh, is there a.

[00:31:26] Clerk

Is there a second-

[00:31:27] CM Krekorian

I'm sorry, Council member?

[00:31:27] Jeff Sheringham

Second.

[00:31:28] CM Krekorian

Okay. That motion has been moved and seconded.

[00:31:32] CM Raman

Okay.

[00:31:32] CM Krekorian

Councilmember Raman.

[00:31:34] CM Raman

And for item 22, I'd love to have the opportunity to have the reports also go to the Housing and Homelessness Committee.

[00:31:40] CM Krekorian

Without objection. That'll be the order.

[00:31:42] CM Raman

Thank you very much.

[00:31:43] Clerk

Is there a second to this motion?

[00:31:45] CM Krekorian

I don't think that requires a motion. It's my instruction. Council Member Hernandez.

[00:31:53] CM Hernandez

Thank you. Council president, I would like to call item 25 special for a separate vote, please. Thank you.

[00:32:00] CM Krekorian

Okay. Councilmember De Leon.

[00:32:03] CM De Leon

Mr. Kerkorian 19 and 20 for comments, special.

[00:32:08] CM Krekorian

19 and 24 comments. Okay. Any other specials members? Uh, I will need to call items 21 and 26 special for purposes of my recusal. Uh, in that in an abundance of caution, because I am the owner of an apartment building that's subject to the RSO I will be recusing on both of those matters. All right. Um. Anything else, Members? Any other specials? Seeing none, uh, Mr. Clerk, what's available for us now to vote on?

[00:32:40] Clerk

Mr. president, the council may now vote on items 15 through 18.

[00:32:47] CM Krekorian

Those items are now before us. I see no members wishing to be heard. Let's go ahead and open the roll. Close the roll and tabulate the votes.

[00:32:56] Clerk 2

13 eyes.

[00:33:04] CM Krekorian

All right. We're ready now to proceed to our presentations. And so I have the great pleasure of calling on Council member Raman for a once-in-a-lifetime special presentation. Council member Raman, you have the floor.

[00:33:34] Jeff Sheringham

Repair. Yeah I cheated.

[00:33:56] CM Krekorian

Council member Raman and special guests. Good morning. Thank you.

[00:33:59] CM Raman

So much. I am so delighted to be here today because we are going to be presenting a resolution in recognition of the 100th birthday of the Hollywood sign, and to officially declare October 31st as Hollywood Sign Day in the City of Los Angeles. Come on in. Okay, so I noticed that some of my colleagues have are dressed in orange in honor of Halloween. Today was formerly known as Halloween. Today will now be Hollywood Sign Day, and with only one facelift, I think our Hollywood sign really doesn't look a day over 50. It is a feat to turn 100. No matter who or what you are. The Hollywood sign, however, has achieved that rare fame which comes from being synonymous with an entire industry, an entire city, and a way of life. The sign has been a defining feature of Los Angeles since before any of us here today were born, and to imagine our city without it is truly impossible. It started as a billboard concept for a real estate development. Like so much of what makes up L.A. Called Hollywoodland in 1923 and on the evening of December 8th of that year, for the very first time, Angelenos looked up and saw the sign twinkling, lit up by 3700 light bulbs. The next 20 years experience some up and downs as any great Hollywood career does, and in 1944, the Hollywood land developers decided to donate the remaining undeveloped land in the housing tract, consisting of 425 acres to the city of Los Angeles for the token price of \$1. On January 30th, 1945, the city of L.A. Formally accepted the offer and added it to the Griffith Park acreage under control of the Park Commission in 1973. The sign was declared a historical landmark, and in 1978 the sign was rebuilt after years of weathering. Since then, the Hollywood Sign Trust has cared for this global treasure, and I want to thank them for donating their time and expertise in this effort. There are many people who serve on that board, and they spend a lot of their time on it. I will now let some of these experts who have dedicated so much of their lives to the preservation of this treasure, share a little bit more about their work. And first, I'm going to introduce Jeff Sheringham, chair of the Hollywood Sign Trust, to make some remarks. Jeff.

[00:36:36] Jeff Sheringham

Thank you, Councilmember Raymond, for dedicating today as Hollywood Sign Day and distinguished Council members, thank you for hearing us today. The you know, I was born in Hollywood, and as far as I can remember, I've looked at that Hollywood sign, but it really came to heart to me back in 1977 when I looked up at the Hollywood sign, my dad, we had some visitors from out of town, and we were driving to Universal Studios, and one of the other kids next to me in the car looked up at the Hollywood sign on our way up to Universal Studios. And they said, is that the Hollywood sign? And my dad said, yeah. And they looked at it and they say, why is it broken? Why is it broken? And it was and it was broken. It was. It was in pieces, actually. And it didn't look anything like the Hollywood sign. But I saw the disappointment in his, in his, in his eyes and his parents eyes, because they traveled all this way to not only visit Hollywood, but to but to see the Hollywood sign it. It was something special in their hearts when they wanted in order to come to Hollywood on our way to Universal Studios that day. And it was that day that. I felt some sorrow for the Hollywood sign, and and I felt kind of ashamed and embarrassed that our Hollywood sign that day, even as a teenager, was not in pristine shape. So, you know, I kind of made a promise to myself that one day I would be taking care of the Hollywood sign. And I am with my fellow trustees here today. Where are you guys? Marty Shelton. Marty, come over here. Come over here. We have Brian Lane, who's who? Serves a longtime trustee member of the of the Sign Trust. He's an architect, world renowned, award winning architect. So we we value his participation. Marty, come over here. Marty. We have Marty Shelton. A lot of you know who Marty Shelton is. He's. He's worked tirelessly on the sign trust. For how many years, Marty? Longer than I should. Longer than he should. Longer than he should. And and we have Andrea. Now, there's nine a lot of people don't know, but there's only nine people on the sign trust. We're all volunteers, seven of which are appointed by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. And we have representation from the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. Steve. Steve Nissen here, president and CEO of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. We have Matt Fritch. Matt, come over here, man. Come over here. We have Matt Fritch, chairman of the board of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. And the the significance of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. I used to be a board member and past chair of the Hollywood Chamber. The significance of the chamber is amazing. So back in 1978, it was it was the executive director. It wasn't called the president CEO back then, Steve. They were called the executive directors. His name was Mike Sims. And he put together a press conference to say, to save the Hollywood sign form, the Hollywood Save the Sign Committee, and the rest is pretty much history. We had the likes of Alice Cooper come, who was the first to come in and and donate \$27,777, which was if the budget was \$250,000. And if you take nine divided by nine letters divided by. 250. It's \$27,777. So that's how the that's how the fundraising went and that fundraising went. A guy by the name of Hugh Hefner came along and saw that press conference that happened in April of 1978, and he put a party together at the Playboy Mansion, and he raised another six, six letters. They were still two letters short. And an Italian film producer by the name of Giovanni Mazza came in. And for those of you who used to sell your cars, you had to use the Kelley Blue Book. So the guy by the name of Les Kelley, he put in the last \$27,000 to to save the sign. And and construction started in 1978 and was completed. And the reason why we're here today, it was completed on October the 30th, 1978. So you guys don't meet on Monday. So that's why we're here on Halloween day. So, you know, that's a long story short of the history of the Hollywood sign of how it was reborn. But. But today the Hollywood sign is a representation. Of not only the motion picture industry, the television industry, radio, music, whatever. The entertainment industry. But. As I go up to the Hollywood sign on a very regular basis, I meet a lot of people. I meet a lot of people and and they come from all over the, from all over the world to come and see the Hollywood sign. I mean, if you think about it, the Hollywood sign is just nine letters on top of a hill that spells a word. What is that connection that they have? There's some kind of emotional bond that people come to our city to visit the Hollywood sign. And last week I was up there doing another interview and I was climbing up the ropes and. And there was a lady up there from two ladies. They were actually sisters. They were from England. And they were. I think they saw Brad Pitt coming up the hill, but they were so excited. But they they wanted they wanted to come down to the Hollywood sign to as you know, it's a restricted area. And I said, well, I can leave the gate open. We can, you know, take some pictures and stuff. But at the at the after taking the pictures, I asked them. What? What does the Hollywood sign mean to you? Why did you. You know, why did you come here after 30 years? They had just flown in the night before, and the very first thing they did was to hike up mount Lee to see the Hollywood sign. I said, what does it what does the Hollywood sign mean to you? And she said it in one word. In a nanosecond she goes, the Hollywood sign is America. The American. You know, it's the America that we all dream of. It's the land of opportunity. It's the land of of where things can happen. And that's why we have so many people from around the world coming to see the Hollywood sign, to be reminded of what America is and what and what it can be. So, you know, I'm going to leave it there, but, well, there was there was one other kid, you know, I always I also do I also

interview small kids. And there was an 11 year old and I asked him what he was there with his parents from South Dakota. And I said, what is the Hollywood sign mean to you? And he and he did a Spider-Man stance and he said, it's Spider-Man, you know. So the Hollywood sign is also people's heroes. So with that, you know, the Hollywood Sign Trust couldn't do all of these things that we do without our PR team, which is RBI communications. You know, Betsy. Betsy, where are you? She's she's down there. Betsy is related. If you don't know, she's been the PR company behind RBI communications for the last 30 years taking care of the Hollywood sign. And, you know, I call her the mother of the Hollywood sign. If you want to know anything about the Hollywood sign, she knows it. She's been a mentor to me, and I love her for all the things that she does. But I'd like to also introduce the other parts of her team, other people, part of her team, which we have. Diana right over here. Who who, you know, takes a lot of our interview interviewers down or press down to the Hollywood sign. And she's an expert repeller. We have Megan. Where's Megan? Megan is over here. She she also escorts us the press down to the Hollywood sign a lot. And then we have Renny who does all of our social media. Did I miss do we have Elizabeth Johnson from Kavanaugh Communications? She's over here. So without them, without the support of them, I don't know what would we do? You know, they put they they're the ones responsible for putting all this together. So thank you guys for all you do. I mean, really appreciate it. Oh, we have a late comer. We have? We have Jerry Newman, our trustee, just walked in. Or at least I saw him. Just so give another valuable trustee of our trustee of ours anyway. Am I talking too long? As you can see, I'm passionate about the Hollywood sign. We also have. I would be remiss if I didn't say something about the community. Go ahead. Yeah. Go ahead, go ahead, go ahead, go ahead. Yes, and. We have Sheila Irani here. From where? Sheila, come over here. We have Sheila Irani, president of the Hollywood United Neighborhood Council. And we also have Christine O'Neal. Right. From the lake. Lake Hollywood Estates homeowners association. And, you know, these two are special people. They they are. You are. I'm copied on all these emails about what's what's happening at the Hollywood sign. And, you know, there's three things that they want. Are you listening? There's three things that they want. That's traffic control, traffic control and traffic control. Did I say that right? Did I get it right? Yeah. That's what they want. And so and Nithya raman's been working hard on that and she's, she's put some motions together. But thank you all for. Oh I'm here to introduce Adam Burke. Adam Burke, you all know him. Has LA tourism president CEO. You all know him well. Adam, come on to the stage. Thank you.

[00:47:01] Adam Burke

So I feel like I'm at risk of having like the Academy Awards. I'm going to get play off music in about two minutes, so I'll try and keep this brief. So the first thing is, as we celebrate arguably Hollywood's biggest star, I'm going to say the four most important words you will hear all day today. There will be cake. So you have that to look forward to. We're really honored to join the Hollywood Sign Trust in celebrating the inaugural Hollywood Sign Day. As you know, Los Angeles tourism has the privilege of serving as the official non-profit destination promotion organization for our City of Angels. And in that capacity, our mission is to improve the quality of life for all Angelenos through tourism. I think particularly talking about the Hollywood sign, tourism is good for our community when it's good for residents, and we have to make sure that we are responsible stewards to make sure that the impacts of tourism are always positive. And I'll also tell you, while it will still take another 2 to 3 years for us to see full recovery in our sector, the Hollywood sign is helping to accelerate that. We need to get our critical overseas markets back. I'm excited to report that despite that, right now, tourism is the fourth largest employment sector in L.A. We have 558,000 Angelenos working in tourism related careers. And last year, visitors to our City of angels contributed \$34.5 billion to our local business community. So you think about what the Hollywood sign represents. And particularly here in district four, it really has become a global beacon. And this is what a couple of you had said earlier. Everywhere I go around the world, whether I'm in India, the UK, Japan, China, the consistent theme is that the reason people come to our City of Angels is because it represents a sense of personal freedom. It's because we're a community that truly celebrates diversity and inclusion, and I think that's more important now than it has ever been, because LA truly is a place where everyone is welcome. And Hollywood again, Council member Ramon. And so Martinez, you can personally attest to this. Hollywood epitomizes all the reasons that people come to Los Angeles. If you want to see our natural beauty, the vistas of the Hollywood sign are unparalleled. If you want to experience some of the best food, some of the best shopping, Hollywood has that. And certainly it is the unquestioned entertainment capital of the world. So whether it's the Capitol Records building, whether it's the Hollywood sign, whether it's all of our studios, it is why we are going to accelerate the pace of recovery in Los Angeles. So the last thing I would say is we talk a lot about the stars of Hollywood. I don't think we should forget that our reach should exceed our grasp. So I guess in closing, if you want to see the true stars of the universe, you go to Griffith Observatory and you see the stars of the cosmos. That's what the Hollywood sign represents. And it's why it is a beacon to the world that our city of angels still shines bright. So thank you to all of you. Together, we're going to build a brighter future for our community.

[00:50:22] CM Krekorian

Bravo. Thank you, Adam, and thank you, Jeff. And since you mentioned Griffith Observatory, I also want to mention that we have the general manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks, Jimmy Kim, here. And almost as important and perhaps more important even than the structure of the sign itself is the land around that sign. And we'd be remiss if we didn't recognize and remember the extraordinary work of our former colleague, Council member Tom Labonge, who saved the land around that sign. Working with the Save the Peak Movement and the trust for Public Land by raising the money necessary to purchase that land so it wouldn't be developed, and so that we could continue to enjoy that incredible vista that's known throughout the world in viewing the Hollywood sign. Council Member Harmon, I have a member on the queue. Council member Rodriguez, followed by council member Padilla and then council member Ramn to close.

[00:51:19] CM Rodriguez

Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Ms. Raman, for bringing this in. And Jeff, thank you for sharing that beautiful history and story. You know, it's it really does. You know, I tell I tell when I speak to young people in particular when they ask me how I got here. And I talk about the moments that really sparked and galvanized my interest in public service. There are moments that galvanize you to fulfill a greater purpose, and that story really reflects the deep passion that not just not just, you know, held by you, but I know everyone that is involved in helping to preserve and protect the very special thing that we have in the history of Los Angeles. That is a huge draw, but it's a reminder of how we are all stewards of that, of protecting that for our city, for the history of who we are, for that beacon of what it does represent to so many around the world. They are drawn to it because this is the city of dreams. And I want to thank you all for your role in helping to protect and preserve that beacon of our city of dreams. It is something that so many people gravitate to. And I you know, it's you know, I've often crossed paths as we're hiking up to Labonge Panorama and. You know, that site just never gets old. You just never tire of it. It's a really beautiful thing. And I want to also thank the homeowners. And, you know, we understand the incredible challenges it presents to have such an attraction there embedded amongst where you live. And that is a very complicated situation. And we continue to work to make sure that we can help provide all of the access issues that protect what it means to be a resident in Los Angeles, but also be such a huge attraction for something that is just revered worldwide. So. So thank you for your accommodations, for we know what can be a very challenging situation. But to all of you, thank you so much for protecting and preserving this very valued city treasure. And to our dear friend Tom Labonge, you know, we know you're here celebrating this special moment in this city's history. And we know how much he was an important part of protecting that as well. So thank you all very much for your work and happy Hollywood Sign Day.

[00:53:46] CM Krekorian

Thank you, Council member Padilla.

[00:53:50] CM Padilla

Well, I just want to thank. All of you guys for all of the work that you do to preserve the site itself. I agree with all of your statements related to it being, you know, something so symbolic for all of the city of Los Angeles as it pertains to dreams and the attraction of talent to our city, the jobs that it creates and the impact that it symbolizes for us on a global scale. But, you know, I also I wanted to talk about it because of the impact that Hollywood has directly on my in my district, so very directly into Los Angeles, right when Hollywood is asleep or not doing as well as its full potential can. My district loses customers at restaurants, customers on behalf of the prop shops, the salons, the bakers. It's a really big local infrastructure and economic development that everything related to Hollywood and the people and the jobs that the Hollywood sign reminds us that, you know, we we do so well when we get it right. So thank you for all the work that you do. I'm so glad that you brought this up. Ms.. Ramon. And may Hollywood continue to stay and thrive in LA, and may that sign continue to be a symbol to attract the best of the best, the most creative and talented out there. Thank you, thank you.

[00:55:08] CM Krekorian

Thank you, Council Member Padilla for that reminder. And let's hope that we're all celebrating Hollywood Sign Day today by urging our friends in labor and in management to continue to negotiate and get this deal done so we can get production back up and running in the city of Los Angeles. Absolutely. Council Member Raman.

[00:55:28] CM Raman

Well, thank you all. Just from hearing the remarks around the body and from everyone who's here today, I think it is very clear how much this sign means for the city. For me personally, my husband, as a young Indian boy, son of immigrants living in rural Pennsylvania, watched TV, watched late night shows, watch Saturday Night Live, watched all of the productions out here, and dreamt of moving to Los Angeles so that he could write for TV and movies. And it was part of what his dream for himself and his family was. Even when his family wasn't so excited about. His parents definitely did not want him to move out to Hollywood. They wanted him to be an engineer, but he persevered. He came out here and he made his dream happen. And he is one of so many people who followed their dreams out to Hollywood under the Hollywood sign, and to build a life for themselves that is based in their love for movies and for creative passions. And I, for one, am so grateful to live in a city that welcomes so many into it. The people who are here behind me represent the entire community that cherishes this sign. The residents who live around it, represented by Sheila and Cristina. The Department of Recreation parks with Mr. Jimmy Kim, LAPD that watches over it so carefully. Captain Heredia from the Hollywood Division, who is here today, people from the Hollywood Chamber, people from the Hollywood Sign trust, people who are pushing LA's tourism industry because this is one of the top three tourist attractions here in the city of Los Angeles. It brings so many people here. It brings so much money into this city. And we have to, as we move forward into this next century of the Hollywood sign, use some of those dollars to ensure that we maintain the park around it, and ensure that the sign continues to be a resource for people who are coming to visit it, but not to be a bother for the residents who live around it. And I make that commitment to you today that that will be this city's effort going forward. So thank you all so much for coming together and allowing us to shepherd this sign into. The next century. Happy Hollywood sign day! We'll take. We'll take a couple of pictures if you want to.

[00:57:49] CM Krekorian

All right. Thank you all very, very much for being with us and sharing this special moment in Los Angeles history here in the council chambers. Council member Rodriguez, I'd like to recognize you for a bittersweet announcement. Council member Rodriguez.

[00:58:04] CM Rodriguez

Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues. So I have the pleasure of being joined today by one of the mayor's detail. Security detail. Longtime LAPD public servant Bert Strogatz, who's AP3. So p three plus one. Yes. Okay. All right. So p three plus one and has just 35 years of service to the city of Los Angeles. And, you know, I was talking to Bert about I had the privilege of meeting Bert when I was first appointed to the Board of Public Works. He was assigned to Mayor Garcetti. Security detail, but he was also previously assigned to Mayor Villaraigosa. But when I got to know Bert, I got to know an individual. And it takes a very special person to be assigned to the mayor's security detail. This is not a traditional role by any means. You are this security detail is a very special assignment, and it does require very special attention by the individuals who staff that. And it's you always find some of the most affable and kind individuals that are assigned to that detail. And Bert is among those I was sharing with him that back when I served as a staff member to Mayor Riordan, there was always just a very special relationship that we had with the mayor's security detail. It was it's just an assignment that is like no other. But I do want to take a moment to highlight some of Bert's outstanding accomplishments as he concludes his 35 year tenure of service. Assigned to the mayor's detail and starts to figure out what comes next. And so here are some of his incredible accomplishments, stemming from when he joined the LAPD back in 1988 and began field training with Hollenbeck Division. A year later, he was promoted to AP2 with his first assignment in the San Fernando Valley at Van Nuys Division. He was then promoted to P three, working at Rampart Division, and was recognized for his work in the reduction of violent crime in the area. Through his career, he has worked a variety of assignments in patrol and specialized units, and in 97 he was appointed and selected to serve in the department's most elite team of officers in the Metropolitan Division. He was promoted to P three plus one and worked as an element leader, mounted platoon and security aide senior security aide. He was, of course, as I mentioned, served as a security detail for Mayor Hahn. Villaraigosa, Garcetti, and Mayor Bass, ensuring and protecting their safety and the safety of their families. Let's be honest, it's not just the detail that you provide to to our mayor, but also to you are an extension and service to their families. He's had a long lasting impact in our city. He's a. Bert, you're just a good dude, and I really have enjoyed getting to know you over the course of the seven years that both that I've been on the council. But even preceding that, my three years on the Board of Public Works. And you will be sorely missed. I'm sure Mayor Bass is not happy with your decision to to. Take this well-deserved retirement, but I know we're likely not to see The last of you. Which I hope that is true. But thank you so much for all your years of service to the city of Los Angeles, to all of our mayors in the role of security detail. You will be truly, truly missed and thank you for your service. Thank you very. Do you want to say it? No. For you.

[01:02:07] CM Krekorian

That's part of being part of the mayor's detail as well, not giving speeches. Thank you, Bert. Thank you for all your great years of service to our city and to three mayors. All right. With that, we're ready to begin the public comment section of our meeting. So, Mr. Clark, Mr. City Attorney, if you could please read in the instructions for comment.

[01:02:32] Clerk

Thank you, Mr. President. As indicated on the agenda, members of the public wishing to offer public comment should call (669) 254-5252 and use meeting ID number 1605358466, and then press pound, then press pound again when prompted for participant ID once admitted into the meeting. Press star nine to request to speak. When it is your turn to speak, an automated zoom voice will ask you to press star six to unmute, then repeat. Call (669) 254-5252 and use meeting ID number 1605358466, and then press pound, then press pound again when prompted for participant ID once admitted into the meeting. Press star nine to request to speak. When it is your turn to speak, an automated zoom voice will ask you to press star six to unmute.

[01:03:23] City Attorney

Two people providing public comment when it is your turn to speak, either at the podium or on the phone, please state which of the agenda items you would like to speak to and or whether you want to provide general public comment. You will have one minute per item up to three minutes total for the items open for public comment and if you wish. One minute for general public comment, please speak to the items before beginning general public comment. We will tell you when your time is up. When speaking on the agenda items, you must be on topic. Our goal is to get through as many speakers as we can. If you are not on topic or if we cannot tell whether you are speaking on topic, you will get one brief warning from me or the president. At that point, you need to get immediately and clearly on topic. If you do not do so, or if you again stray off topic, you will forfeit the rest of your speaking time and we will move on to the next speaker. The items open for public comment are one through 14. Number 21, as amended, and 23 through 32. You may, of course, speak to any of the other items or anything else within the city's subject matter jurisdiction during your one minute of general public comment. For members of the public calling in when it is your turn to speak, an automated message from zoom will prompt you to press star six to unmute yourself. If you do not do so, council staff will prompt you once more. At that point, you need to immediately unmute yourself or unfortunately you will forfeit your time and we will move on to the next speaker. Finally, because of a brief time delay between the live meeting and the broadcast, two things are important. First, while you're waiting for your turn to speak, please keep an ear to the phone so you know in real time when it is your turn to press star six to unmute. Second, if you are listening to the meeting on another device, please turn down the volume on that device immediately when it is your turn to speak. Between the time delay and feedback, it will cause a great deal of confusion if you continue to listen on your other devices. Thank you.

[01:05:44] CM Krekorian

All right. I'm going to call out a number of names here in the council chambers. So as I call your name, please make your way to the left hand side of the chamber so our sergeants can guide you up to the podium. Harriet Elliott, John Scudder, Fred Sutton, Aida murillo, Brian Kinney and Chuck Trujillo, please. You don't need to speak in that order. Just come on up and be prepared to to go on up when it. The sergeant directs you. Good morning.

[01:06:23] City Attorney

Good morning. If you could please remind us of the name that you signed up under and the items you would like to speak on.

[01:06:28] Fred Sutton

Fred Sutton with the California Apartment Association, general public comment and item 26.

[01:06:33] City Attorney

Okay, so you have one minute for the item and one minute for general public comment. Please begin with the item.

[01:06:40] Fred Sutton

Honorable Council members. It's been 13 years since the last RSO annual adjustment study, and it's important that the council understands all facets of operating housing. We urge the members to ensure any review is comprehensive and includes a cumulative economic analysis of operating costs and circumstances. Cca has long contended CPI alone doesn't account for the costs incurred by housing providers, nor account for the quality or condition of a property. There are specific market realities in Los Angeles that must be included in any economic analysis, such as the cumulative economic impact of a four-year rent freeze, Covid rent collection prohibitions, uncollected bad debt, the resulting court delay costs, as well as correlating refinancing issues. Any study should also include an analysis of property insurance increases, balcony inspection mandates, earthquake retrofit mandates, increasing gas costs and utilities, personnel and payroll increases. Real estate taxes, recycled trash increases, and rent registry data should also be made available, including average rent by bedroom size and average year over year rent increases across the board since data has been made available. We thank you for your consideration and look forward to being a part of this process. We also submit a letter to the public file. Thank you.

[01:08:07] CM Krekorian

Thank you. Next speaker please. Good morning.

[01:08:17] City Attorney

Good morning. If you could please remind us of the name that you signed up under and the items you would like to speak on.

[01:08:22] John Scudder

Yes. Good. Good morning. My name is John Scudder. In regards to items I'd like to speak on, I'd like to speak on one, two, three, 26, 31. General comment and I have a question. Last week we had item 18. That was item 20-0841-. So I'm sorry 37. My question.

[01:08:51] City Attorney

Any comments about the items from last week you can speak to during general public comment, but you have three minutes for the item.

[01:08:56] John Scudder

Excuse me.

[01:08:57]

And one minute for general public comment.

[01:08:58] John Scudder

Excuse me. You interrupted my my sentence. This was supposed to be on docket for this week and it got moved and I do not see it. If I missed it, could you redirect me to it? That's where I was going with this. This was item 18 that got pulled from last week. That was supposed to be put on docket for this week. I people addressed it last week even though we weren't allowed to, and I did not see it in today's minute orders. So can you help me out.

[01:09:29] CM Krekorian

Sir? Can you describe what that item was? Because we don't. Sure. The item number alone.

[01:09:34] John Scudder

Actually, can I get a deputy here and I can just hand you the thing from last week? Hey, boss, could you give this to Mr. Krekorian? Oh. Thank you. How are you doing today, man? Good. It's this item right here. It's what?

[01:09:55] John Scudder

It primarily had to do with the Housing Homeless Committee report. He's going to bring you the the paper from last week out of the the docket.

[01:10:19] City Attorney

So, sir, I think somebody's going to look into that. But in the interim, we're going to start with the items that you'd like to speak to. So you have three minutes for the items and one minute for general public comment. You might not receive an answer, or you likely won't receive an answer from me here, but somebody hopefully will come to the side and let you know, so-.

[01:10:37] John Scudder

I appreciate that. Or if you could get my phone number and let me know when it's going to be so I can come and attend. So I mean, I come because I take time for my work.

[01:10:45] CM Krekorian

Yeah, it may be difficult, but if you can start on your items and then you can speak to general public comment.

[01:10:50] John Scudder

So I get one minute for every item?

[01:10:52] CM Krekorian

Three minutes total, one minute maximum per item. And then yes, one minute for general public comment.

[01:10:57] John Scudder

So I have three minutes for six items.

[01:11:00] CM Krekorian

Yes.

[01:11:00] John Scudder

Okay. Let's get started. Item number one has to deal with a issuing a license for alcohol. I say no to that. I don't know if City Council is aware of that, but there are two elementary schools in that area, one less than 70ft away, the other one exactly one block away. The liquor stores actually attract a lot of homeless people and alcoholics and drunks, and we have kids that need to get home safely. So I say no to the alcohol in that particular area. On item number two and three that has to deal with lighting improvements. I say no to those lighting improvements. I showed up here three weeks in a row in regards to lighting on Union Pacific between Spence and South Grand. Once again, Union Pacific between Spence and South Grand, we've had no streetlights for six months. I ran a cabinet shop there. We've had 12 break-ins. We need lighting. In regards to item number 21, it has to deal with the ADUs. There needs to be more specific information on that in the amounts that are going to be given out. The city did this years ago. I know I'm a licensed contractor. I did some of those with those ADUs. There needs to be a dollar amount called out, which I don't see. I think the biggest problem with that is if there could be 3 or 4 set designs that were approved plans so that there is not such a holdup with trying to get stuff passed with the city planning commission. I mean, right now they're still in Covid mode. So what would take three months is six months to a year. It's a big holdup, especially with the rising increase of materials and gas. It completely destroys our quotes and our contracts as a contractor and as a small business person here. So and I think another thing that should be added in that is container homes, something that can be an approved container home that could be set and dropped as a granny flat or an ADU. With that ADU I think there ought to be specifics on it that, number one, it's rented to a veteran or disabled veteran first. Second, a disabled person, because when I look around our homeless population, that's what I see the most of out there. Third, anybody else, but it should be homeless people to decrease our our our homeless situation here on item number 26, the roundtable meeting. I would love an invitation to come to be invited to that on number 31. In regards to Salvation Army, there is no information as to what you're going to do with the \$440,000 that you're going to be allocating to the Salvation Army and how that is to be used. And if we're going to have to provide quarterly reports or how the money is used or spent, unlike what we did with LAPD, with \$1.2 billion with no sunset clause. So-

[01:14:03] Clerk

General public comment.

[01:14:04] John Scudder

Okay, general. Let's rock and roll. I've been here three weeks in a row. I'm a small business owner. I'm a street vendor. I have coffee carts. Five more small businesses got robbed. If you watch the news, one of those small businesses is a third time in three months. We spent all the money on police. Police patrolling needs to be stepped up to protect us in regards to those businesses. The city should take some of the money away from the police department and put together a grant program for repairs from robberies, because you're putting small businesses out of business by because we're not being protected. And that's that's not cool. I, John Scudder, live two blocks down the street here, right behind the Chinatown Library, 719 Yale Street. We had a shooting outside my driveway. We need police patrolling. We've had multiple cars robbed, including me. I had a construction truck stolen, fully loaded, along with a car.

[01:15:08] City Attorney

Your time is expired.

[01:15:09] CM Krekorian

Thank you very much, sir. All right. Next speaker, please.

[01:15:23] City Attorney

Good morning. If you. Good morning. Remind us of the name that you signed up under and the items you would like to speak on.

[01:15:28] Chuck Trujillo

Chuck Trujillo. Public comment.

[01:15:31] City Attorney

So you have one minute for general public comment.

[01:15:33] Chuck Trujillo

Thank you. Good morning, Council members. Pleased to see you all again. I'm glad to be here. And surprisingly, the 100th celebration of the Hollywood sign. And ironically, our number is a little bit dwindled today because a lot of my colleagues are up there at the Hollywood sign right now filming a commercial. And as you know, the Hollywood sign is a very sensitive area, and we have to keep it open to the public at the same time for tourists and and so forth, while monitoring the production. This production was interesting because it took numerous scouts to go up there and actually see what they want to do. But once we arrive, production always comes in and still tries to do what they want to do. That's the reason we're there, is to make sure they're going to do what we said they could do, and we're there to protect the sign. We're there to keep the public happy, and we do feel for the neighbors there. You know, that traffic does get pretty hairy sometimes, even for us to get up there. So just wanted to give you a better idea of what we do. Thank you.

[01:16:34] CM Krekorian

Thank you. Sir. Next speaker. Good morning.

[01:16:41] Brian Kinney

Good morning. My name is Brian Kinney. General comment.

[01:16:45] City Attorney

Okay. So you have one minute for general public comment.

[01:16:47] Brian Kinney

Thank you. I'm a struggling actor and I've been in Los Angeles for 16 years. During that time, I've run an honor system stand vending snack stand based on the honor system at the entrance to Runyon Canyon Park. After five years of doing this, I achieved prescriptive easement rights to maintain and continue using the property. This is currently under attack by Dorchester Properties, who intends to treat the the stand as trash and dispose of it. I would like to. In addition to this, I would like to propose to the city that this stand has been successful and it has garnished community wide community support, and it has kept me sustaining myself in this great city for this time. And I would like to propose a pilot program, um, where we identify locations where honor systems could be placed throughout parks or wherever in the city that could potentially succeed, and it could create work for more people. Thank you, sir.

[01:17:56] CM Krekorian

Next speaker please. Good morning.

[01:18:07] Ada Murillo

Good morning. General public comment.

[01:18:09] City Attorney

And if you could please remind us of the name you signed up under.

[01:18:12] Ada Murillo

It's Ada murillo.

[01:18:13] City Attorney

So you have one minute for general public comment.

[01:18:15] Ada Murillo

Thank you. Good morning. Council members. Council president. My name is Ada murillo. I'm sure you're very familiar with me. I am vice president of local 1390, and I represent over 90 classifications in the city of Los Angeles, some of them being the park monitors and some of them being the zoo members. If I can please ask that we please get try to get the park monitors proper IDs, because we did have a hard time coming in because according to security, they do not have proper IDs. So please help us get them into the building so they can state their cause. Also, I am asking that we have security at our public locations, the library at the zoo. Not on an overtime basis. These are critical city locations. They should be able to provide LAPD the services that guests and our members are to have to attend these kinds of locations. So please work with me and continue to have the LAPD to move their full duty officers out into the field. Thank you.

[01:19:20] CM Krekorian

Thank you. Okay. Lily Trujillo Puckett, Marica Jett, Raymond Louw, Harriet Elliott, and Andrew Grebner, please. And that's all the speakers that I have signed up.

[01:19:52] City Attorney

Good morning. If you could please remind us of the name that you signed up under and the items you would like to speak on.

[01:19:57] Marika Jett

Marika Jett, general public.

[01:19:59] City Attorney

Okay, so you have one minute for general public comment.

[01:20:02] Marika Jett

Thank you. Monitors help make. The entertainment capital of the world. We essential city employees also serve as disaster service workers. Most recently during the pandemic. And now with migrants being bused here from Texas. We deserve a living wage. We have high level training to preserve and protect property and liaison with the public. The film companies and the city, highly trained at locations like the Hollywood sign monitors, protect this cherished world renowned icon and other iconic facilities in Elysian Park. We ask for your help today as we have suffered horribly during this multiple strike unions this year. Thank you.

[01:20:49] CM Krekorian

Thank you very much. Next speaker.

[01:20:56] City Attorney

Okay. Good morning. Which items would you like to speak on?

[01:21:00] Andrew Grebner

I signed up for a bunch of them over three of the items. So three minutes and then general comment.

[01:21:06] City Attorney

So you have three minutes.

[01:21:07] Andrew Grebner

Full list is on Paul's screen. Um, let's see, let's see. We have starting off with item 23 redoing the state of on homelessness in the city. Um, now we can definitely say that, yeah, there's a lot of people unhoused and we need to do something about that. Um, but but let's just look at the way the city's handled the state of . Um, you know, the mayor declared a state of on homelessness. And what did the city immediately what did you all immediately do? You ended the eviction moratorium. Um, like, you know, if, like, that should be the first thing you do if you have a state of on homelessness is you you put in a moratorium on evictions because we're already saying, okay, we have a lot of people who are unhoused, so let's not make more people unhoused. All inside starving is just, you know, putting six people in cheap motel rooms with no food or housing or any no food or blankets or anything and just, you know, sweeping everyone else to who knows where. Um, just more sweeps. Stop the sweeps. Let's see. Item 24 is kind of the same thing. Um, we have item 25 says related to street takeovers, like a supporting some thing in the state, like state legislature. Um, so let's, let's we don't want more cops. We don't more want more any of that. Um, so no, on that, uh, we have item 26, which is related to, um, the rent stabilization ordinance. You know, again, we have a state of on homelessness. Why are we discussing, you know, increasing the rent? Um, you know, this. You're not even, like everything you do is completely contrary to what you should be doing in the in a state of , declared state of on homelessness, raising the rent, evicting people you know, like you're not like that should be the if you have a state of . You're saying so many people are unhoused.

[01:23:33] CM Krekorian

Why move on to another agenda item?

[01:23:35] Andrew Grebner

I'm speaking on item 20, 26. Um-

[01:23:40] CM Krekorian

Hold his time. Miss Lewis. You were instructed to be quiet while you're in the council chambers and not disrupt the action of this meeting. You're instructed and warned, as you have been previously, Mr. Grabner. Go ahead.

[01:23:52] Andrew Grebner

And you also selectively enforce the rules. Let's see. We have item 27 for a reception in the Tom Bradley room. What is the reception? It doesn't actually say what it is. Um, that should be clear. You should hold that item until you've at least figured out what told us what the reception is. Item 28 a Kevin De Leon motion. You shouldn't be voting for these motions. Um, and we've been told that repeatedly. I know I'm on general comment. Um, so we have, um, item 28 is Kevin De Leon motion. Um, nobody should be voting for his motions. Um, why hasn't anyone called it special? Um, I'm wondering who who can challenge Genesis from the left in 2026? Because you have been told continuously to stop voting for his motions. Are you going to do it or not? Stop voting for his motions. At one point, you promised you'd walk out if he showed up at all. Stop voting for his fucking motions. Um. Kevin De Leo needs to go. You all need to be doing more to get him out of office. Krikorian needs to be removed as council president. Um, the cops need to be removed from this chamber. God.

[01:25:28] CM Krekorian

Next speaker, please. And there were a couple of names that I neglected to call. I apologize, Seth Lewandowski and Sandra James Chambers Myers, please. Good morning.

[01:25:39] City Attorney

Good morning. If you could please remind us of the name that you signed up under and the items you would like to speak on.

[01:25:44] Raymond Leuw

Yes, sir. Public opinion. Right. My name is Raymond Live.

[01:25:52] City Attorney

And which items would you like to speak on?

[01:25:54] Raymond Leuw

No, items, sir. Public opinion.

[01:25:57] City Attorney

So you have one minute for general public comment.

[01:26:00] Raymond Leuw

Thank you. Hi. Good morning. My name is Raymond Lee. I'm a parks activity film monitor and a member of the AFSCME local 39. Many people are unaware of our park film office and what we do. Our job is a very unique skill set. With that said, today I am assigned at the Hollywood sign at noon today, so I have to wrap this up pretty quick and I'm nervous about it. However, I'm proud to be here for the 100th celebration of the Hollywood sign. My job is to protect the sign and to protect the public, as well as the the personal property of the signed area. So with that being said, my my position as a park activity monitor puts me in a very tight position to serve and protect. Thank you for your time.

[01:26:54] CM Krekorian

Thank you very much, sir. Next speaker please.

[01:27:05] Harriet Elliott

Oh, I had missed out before. I have a lot of extra time because I signed up for two things. Can you hand this out?

[01:27:12] City Attorney

You can hand the materials to the sergeants. And I'm sorry. If you could please remind us of the name that you signed up under and the items you would like to speak on.

[01:27:20] Harriet Elliott

Can you sign right here? Hand it out. Thank you. I signed up for. Yeah. Can you give that to the council members?

[01:27:28] City Attorney

And please speak into the mic so that I can hear you?

[01:27:30] CM Krekorian

Ma'am, go ahead and lower the mic and speak into the microphone, please, so we can hear.

[01:27:34] Harriet Elliott

My name is Harriet Elliott. I signed up for Armagh Road, which is improvements on Armagh Road, which is 23 090S 49. I would like to see that the council members get this before I start talking.

[01:27:53] City Attorney

Are there any other items or it would just be that item.

[01:27:55] Harriet Elliott

Which is that just a minute on that item. And all I have to say about that is that's where I grew up on, on Fair Grove in La Puente, near Amar Road. And I'm for this improvement. I'm surprised that anyone could be against it. Amar Road was very hard to cross as we were student kids. I'd like that anyone Council member to. Okay, I'm now speaking on general comment.

[01:28:21] City Attorney

Okay. General public comment.

[01:28:22] Harriet Elliott

Okay, I don't go back to La Puente, by the way, even though I lived there 18 years because I'm being degraded and defamed. Okay, it's a CIA campaign, the CIA, what is the CIA doing? They're not even they're obscure. They're they don't even say that. They have this thing called mind read radar. If you read her book and there Renee Pittman, you're going to find out about mind read radar. And I hope she's also she's not like me. She's very religious and she believes in psychic. I don't believe in anything psychic. Okay. However, I believe Renee was killed. Yeah. And I would like someone to go with me and to try to investigate. Renee Pittman. I believe my two teachers were killed. These two. One teacher wrote a letter of recommendation. So I get in the foreign exchange program before I graduated. Another teacher. Oh, we all cried in class about my son.

[01:29:25] CM Krekorian

Okay. Thank you very much, ma'am. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good morning. Good morning.

[01:29:38] City Attorney

Thank you. You could please remind us of the name that you signed up under and the items you would like to speak on.

[01:29:43] Seth Lewandowski

Yeah. My name is Seth Lewandowski, and I'm here for general public comment as a park monitor.

[01:29:48] City Attorney

I'm sorry. An item. What?

[01:29:49] Seth Lewandowski

Just general public comment.

[01:29:50] City Attorney

Okay, so you have one minute for general public comment.

[01:29:52] Seth Lewandowski

Thank you. At \$1.9 million, that's the amount of money the city of LA potentially loses every year because of how grossly they charge companies like Netflix and Amazon to use our public parks. Now, where did I get that number? Here in LA, we charge productions \$38 per hour per monitor as part of their permit. We monitors get 22 to 68 per hour, and the city takes in the other 15 and change in the city of Santa Clarita. They charge productions almost two and a half times that to use their parks. That's \$92 per hour for their monitors, monitors their get up to \$40 an hour, and the city collects at least the other \$52 per hour. Now in LA, based on how many monitors we have and the hours we work. If we match that fee schedule, the City of LA would take in an additional 1.9 million per year. And our current negotiations WI monitors aren't even asking for \$40 an hour. The most we're seeking is 38. It's not unreasonable, and it would bring us in line with monitors and other municipalities. And we're just asking for your help to get somewhere close to that. Thank you.

[01:30:53] CM Krekorian

Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. And as our next speaker is coming up, Mr. Spindler, did you want to speak because you didn't sign up? So if you're going to speak, go to the side, please. Good morning.

[01:31:09] Sandra Chambers

Okay. Good morning. Good.

[01:31:10] City Attorney

Good morning. If you could please remind us of the name that you signed up under and the items you would like to speak on?

[01:31:15] Sandra Chambers

Sandra Chambers and James Myers, he's back there. But this is about the homeless for Hopkins. They have you in the program for a year. The homeless. And we did everything they said and we never received our vouchers. They started selling the vouchers for \$400 a piece if you're a couple. So that's \$800 we can't afford. And I'm like, well, that's not right. So we went downtown to the library over there, and the case manager told us to give this to this to the president at the meeting today, so he can see the names of the people that was involved in Hopkins. You guys are donating money to them, billions of dollars for them, for we can have places for when you're homeless and they're not doing what they're supposed to do, and it's time to be heard about that. That's not good. You know, the people that need it, they're not giving it to them if you pay for it. So if you do the program, why do we have to pay \$400 a piece for the vouchers? So I want you guys to look into that because they're taking a lot of money from you. All these programs, and they're not doing what they're supposed to do. They are abusing it. And we stayed there. And my boyfriend, he's 74, he got sick, you know, from in the parking lot. They send you to the public comment. Well I'm finished. I just want you to know he's bringing you the paperwork.

[01:32:35] CM Krekorian

All right. Thank you very much. Next speaker.

[01:32:45] Wayne Spindler

Yes.

[01:32:46] City Attorney

Good morning. Which items would you like to speak on?

[01:32:49] Wayne Spindler

Yes, in honour of Hugo, we're signing up as Joshua and Drosky. All items in general. Come.

[01:32:57] City Attorney

So you have three minutes for the items and one minute for general public comment. Start with the item.

[01:33:02] Wayne Spindler

Finally, somebody does something good. When you do a good job, one of you 15 criminals, none of you listening, of course, I say, good job. Look at 31. Heather Hutz actually doing something right. What's going on? Well, she's going to spend \$455,000 to try to clean up that Park Bridge gang-infested drug-running area called a Bridge Home. That's on Wilshire and Lafayette Park. That's right across from Nithya's and right over next to Unisys, because Unisys has all the tents on the first district site, and Heather's going to try to clean it up. See, I got back on topic, you dumb shit attorney. Now we get to number eight. Element leadership. That's Marqueecezee. There is no leadership in CD8. Cd eight is a shithole, and it'll always be an economic shithole because it's ran by people who are full of shit. You know, like Buckethead over there in the 15th district, which will roll over on him. What about Kevin? Oh, Kevin wants to honor Domestic Violence Awareness Month on 28. Yes. Remember, and this is a great quote I heard one time. Don't beat your bitch when she has her cell phone in her hand.

[01:34:31] CM Krekorian

Get on the agenda.

[01:34:32] Wayne Spindler

Well, yeah. Yes, that's for the defense counsel out there. Then we get to the lighting districts and look at this. Pat McCosker, known as get on the.

[01:34:44] CM Krekorian

Agenda or else your time is expired.

[01:34:47] Wayne Spindler

Asshole, he has how many lighting districts does does Pat Buckethead McCosker have lighting districts on the agenda? He sure does. So he continues to unfairly tax his residents there on the island. We call it the island that's over in that harbor. And the harbor is a gang-infested criminal piece of drug-running shit. So he needs a lot of streetlights over there. And we had some gang members, and I'll play one of the recordings there. I did an interview. Let's see what he said.

[01:35:17] CM Krekorian

No, you won't do that. You'll speak. No, no, this is not time for audio-visual presentation.

[01:35:23] Wayne Spindler

All right. Okay, I'll paraphrase it. Can I paraphrase? The reason you need streetlights is so that Pat can have his dealers sell their items and show the merchandise better. That's the reason why he needs new streetlights. But I'm against it. And then we get to the evil of Imelda Marcos Padilla and CD 6. Shame on Imelda for trying to create drunkenness on Vanowen Street, one of the most filthiest pieces of shit streets. Oh, look, it's a fucking accused.

[01:35:56] CM Krekorian

Stick to the agenda. Okay, go to general public comment.

[01:36:00] Wayne Spindler

There's a felon in front of me there. Oh, boy.

[01:36:02] CM Krekorian

Okay. Your general public comment is now begin.

[01:36:03] Wayne Spindler

Yes. So now we see you can see here that the front of me in that pink shirt there, that's the ten count indicted felon. Let's give him a hand. Hey. Yeah. Yes. And that's right. And then, of course, we got Kevin and Gil filing those lawsuits. Then, by the way, they are exactly drafted the exact same way, probably by the same lawyer. What was that called? Somebody did that before at the DWP. Oh, the Jones case. Yeah. Kind of reminiscent of that, you know. And then one's going to sue the building for the homeowners, the property insurance rider, and the other one's only going to sue the two assholes that did the recording. So I think that's right. And let's see, Unisys, do you think, how much should De Leon get for that? Let's see. I believe he'll get \$1. Good job. Let's keep up the good work and good luck on those criminal charges there, Mr. Price. Yes, you'll need it.

[01:37:04] CM Krekorian

All right. Thank you. Your time is expired. That will conclude comment here in the council chambers, and we'll go next to the phones for 15 minutes of comment from callers. Let's take the first caller, please.

[01:37:16] Clerk 2

First caller. Which items would you like to speak on?

[01:37:21] Caller 1

Hi. Can you hear me? Okay.

[01:37:23] Jeff Sheringham

Yes, yes.

[01:37:25] Caller 1

Wonderful. I would like to speak on items 31, 28, 27, 26, 24, 23 and general public comment.

[01:37:35] City Attorney

Okay, so you have three minutes for the items and one minute for general public comment. Please begin with the items.

[01:37:42] Caller 1

Okay. Um, 23 is regarding the mayor's declaration for homelessness. Interesting thing about this emergency declaration, there's no rent freeze. There's no eviction moratorium. The main function of it is to expedite building contracts. Now, I don't know what kind of emergency y'all have ever experienced where we go quick, we need to expedite this process of something that'll take years even if we start today, it'll take years. In an emergency, you typically look around for resources you have, like the roughly two-and-a-half vacant units for every unhoused resident that exists in Los Angeles. And you use that. You, you look at what capital incentives are profiting off of the crisis and you curb them. But this emergency declaration, all it does is make it really easy for developers to line their pockets. Um, and then 24 is an action plan. That's super vague, but. Okay. Thanks. Mayor Barth. Um, you do those contracts? 26 is an economic study about the rent stabilization ordinance. My problem with these studies is that you get funding for them. You use the public's time to pass the motions for studies, and then time goes by and we never hear back. We're still waiting. Back waiting to hear back from the report on 4118. So I don't know if 180 some thousand dollars for this study is going to be money well spent. That's information that would be good to have, but I don't know why it's going to cost us so much to get that information. Um, item 28 is a real fucking joke. Let's light up the sixth Street viaduct for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Um, as a survivor of domestic violence, I can say with absolute certainty that those lights aren't helping. Domestic violence is the leading reason why women become homeless. If you want to help victims and survivors of domestic violence, get people off the street, make housing a human right, make healthcare free. Those those are all the things that are going to help victims a lot more than lighting up a bridge. And I don't know why we're entertaining Kevin de Leon's motions. Anyway, a lot of you promised that you wouldn't. You're renegeing on those promises, and that's really upsetting. Item 31 \$455,000 to the Salvation Army. That's a highly controversial and I would say maybe not the best organization to get public funding. But the biggest issue with this motion, in my opinion, is the part towards the bottom that says corrections, clarifications and changes may be made orally, electronically, or by any other means. Oh, we shouldn't ever see the phrase by any other means on a funding motion. That makes no sense. So today we we honored the Hollywood sign. Imelda Padilla made some remarks about how the sign is such an economic beacon because of the historicity of it, and all the businesses and industries that thrive because of the Hollywood sign. Now, average rents in Hollywood is about \$2,700. Most people who work in Hollywood don't make nearly enough to afford that. Imelda. So when you're talking about these opportunities that this stupid sign created, honoring a whole bunch of rich people who, you know, take care of an empty plot of land and commiserating with poor, filthy rich folks who are upset about tourists in their neighborhood. I'm sorry. Don't live near the Hollywood sign. If you don't want people in your backyard like you're wealthy enough to move.

[01:41:51] CM Krekorian

Thank you. Next caller please.

[01:41:54] Clerk 2

Caller which items would you like to speak on?

[01:42:02] CM Krekorian

Go ahead caller.

[01:42:06] Caller 2

I'll speak on all items and general comment.

[01:42:09] City Attorney

The item you have three minutes for the items and one minute for general public comment. Please begin with the items.

[01:42:16] Caller 2

Uh. Thank you. Uh, the Los Angeles City Council is a criminally insane, corrupt institution of organized crime.

[01:42:23] City Attorney

Caller I'm going to ask, please identify which of the items you're speaking about.

[01:42:27] Caller 2

I'm talking about the votes. That's what I'm talking about. All votes are yes votes. Sit there and listen.

[01:42:36] City Attorney

So again, I'm going to need you to be more specific than that. So, caller, this is your last warning. Please identify which item you're speaking on. I'm going to move you to general public comment.

[01:42:47] Caller 2

I'll tell you what, Mr. Potato Head. I'll move myself to general public comment.

[01:42:51] City Attorney

So, general public comment. You have one minute.

[01:42:57] Caller 2

Homelessness is increased by over 10% every year. They're talking and making these stupid presentations of there grinning and and talking and talking and talking with these stupid presentations public because they don't know how to do anything else. They're just going back to their districts and try and get spread money around to get reelected. These black clowns make up 20% of the city council. We're 11% of the population double represented. Why are we nearly 50% of the homeless, incarcerated and unemployed? Because these self-serving Negroes, like Marqueece Dawson, indicted criminal Price, who shouldn't be voting their, Ridley-Thomas, Heather Hutt, do not represent the people, and we will not get any progress on homelessness until this corrupt, petty pink face.

[01:43:56] Jeff Sheringham

Caller, your time is expired.

[01:43:57] CM Padilla

Thank you. Next caller please.

[01:44:01] CM Park

Caller which items would you like to speak on?

[01:44:04] Caller 3 Daniel Gutstadt

Yeah. Hi Daniel Gutstadt substack.com. Just general public comment today.

[01:44:09] City Attorney

Okay. So you have one minute for general public comment.

[01:44:13] Caller 3 Daniel Gutstadt

Uh, yeah. Hi. Um, Council members, as you know, very unfortunate situation over the weekend with a senior advisor, Josh Andrievsky, in Hugo's office. And as I have pointed out, just a couple of weeks ago, several of the council members who were endorsed by the DSA have stayed silent when the DSA was publicly celebrating the murderous rape, torture and terrorism that took place in Israel at the hands of Hamas. It would appear that in their silence, Ms. Hernandez, Mr. Soto-Martinez, Ms. Raman and perhaps Ms. Mejia, that this was a silent wink and a nod that, hey, anti-Semitism is okay, which may be why Mr. Andrievsky felt it was okay to mock the Holocaust online. It's a cautionary tale of how, when you don't speak up about clear terrorism, murder, rape and torture and beheadings of children and children being raped in front of their parents, that it's a wink and a nod to some of the potential. Mr..

[01:45:21] City Attorney

Your time is expired.

[01:45:22] CM Krekorian

Thank you. Next speaker, please.

[01:45:25] Clerk 2

Caller which items would you like to speak on?

[01:45:31] Caller 3 Daniel Gutstadt

26, 23 and general public comment.

[01:45:35] City Attorney

Okay, so you have two minutes for the items and one minute for general public comment. Please begin with the items.

[01:45:42] Caller 4

Okay 22.

[01:45:47] CM Krekorian

Go right ahead.

[01:45:50] Caller 4

Um, you guys are giving money to situations that are not helping the homeless here, and it makes little to no sense. \$54 million. You're going to show report showing that you helped the homeless get off the streets. A revolving door situation. But like a government entity, you will present to the public that you got them off the street for as little as 30 days, yet no less. You got them off the street. And that's false information. Yes. It's not what you say, it's how you say it. You guys really got to clean this up. The people are still homeless out there. You haven't done nothing with \$54 million. And you need to speak forward and help these people get off the streets now for 30 days. Not some false paperwork on someone's desk. You've got to really help these people. General public comment.

[01:46:43] City Attorney

General public comment. You have one minute.

[01:46:47] Caller 4

You have people out there, the mayor come out here and say public works is getting money. Sanitation Department is getting money for pothole repair. Yet your budget didn't show that as your priority. You made sure priority was to get LAPD overtime money. Now everything is being done during LAPD's work is through Monica Rodriguez on overtime basis. We're going to have a festival. Let's get overtime. Security guards. Not somebody coming in from the lower ranks making less money to get that over. We're going to get senior officers to come in and make triple that number. You guys really got to figure this out before they just keep pulling this wool over your faces. And I'm talking to the public because it's an election year. You guys are going to keep doing what you're doing, but the public needs to be aware of what you're doing. If not, they're going to keep voting in the same corrupt, you know, again, the lobbyists, they're they're getting these people reelected. Why? Because it's going to get caller, your.

[01:47:50] City Attorney

Time is expired.

[01:47:53] Clerk 2

Caller. Which items would you like to speak on?

[01:47:59] CM Soto-Martinez

Hi. Can you hear me?

[01:48:01] City Attorney

Yes, we can hear you. Which items would you like to speak on?

[01:48:05] CM Soto-Martinez

Yes. Good morning. Um, so, is 21, available?

[01:48:11] City Attorney

So. Yes. 21. No. 21 is not open for public comment.

[01:48:19] CM Soto-Martinez

Okay. Okay, so 22, 28 and 31 please in public and general public comment.

[01:48:28] City Attorney

So number 22 is not open for public comment, but number 23 and number 24, which also deal with homeless related items, are open for public comment.

[01:48:39] CM Soto-Martinez

I'm sure 20. Just pick one, 23.

[01:48:44] City Attorney

Okay, so I'm sorry you said item number 23. And which one?

[01:48:48] CM Soto-Martinez

23, 28 and 31.

[01:48:51] City Attorney

Okay, so you have three minutes for the items and one minute for general public comment. Please begin with the items.

[01:48:58] CM Soto-Martinez

Okay. Thank you. Um, so again, we're talking about an emergency declaration, yet the city has not done anything to protect this emergency. We're evicting people. We are, um, we're not housing people. We're. We're literally just. I don't even know what we're doing. We're not doing anything. Um, so let's make sure that if it's an , let's do something about it. I worked for the Red cross, and when there was an , we dealt with that , and it was 24 over seven. It wasn't Monday through Friday, 9 to 5. Um, this isn't an . This is just a pat on the back for our mayor. And for all you idiots in the chamber that don't do anything on a weekly basis. Uh, number 28. Um. Domestic violence is a or no. Yes. This is the Domestic Violence Awareness month. I love the fact that the domestic violence person in the room, Mr. DeLeon, is making the motion for this lighting. He has domestically violated our city and continuously does by sitting there. And anyone with their common sense would not ever vote for that moron ever again. And you know, it's sad that he's still even sitting there after all of the attempted repeat.

[01:50:37] City Attorney

So, caller I'm going to ask that you connect this to the item, or you can speak to that during general public comment.

[01:50:44] CM Soto-Martinez

Okay, fine. 31. Salvation Army. Let's think about the Salvation Army. Salvation Army is the most non. Um. What's the word? Um. They're not for the people. They are the highest when it comes to anything out there. As far as going to their Salvation Army stores. You're going to pay the highest dollar. You might as well go high retail because it is ridiculous. Plus, the fact that the Salvation Army, when I was homeless, refused me for having a room because the fact that I was gay and the fact that I had HIV. So let's not support the Salvation Army. They are discriminating company. They are the worst company in the entire world and they should never, ever get money. General public comment please.

[01:51:51] City Attorney

So you have one minute.

[01:51:52] CM Soto-Martinez

So. Okay, so once again, Kevin De Leon is sitting here doing nothing except spending money, our taxpayer money on his campaign. Because once again, any kind of motion that Kevin De Leon is making out there is factually giving him campaign money. So once again, let's stop entertaining Kevin De Leon and Paul Krikorian. You're the you're the biggest hypocrite in the world because you're the one that sits there and says one thing and then does the opposite. So again, stop kissing Kevin De Leon's butt in public. We need to vote this jerk out. He's not for the people. He's violent. He's mentally ill, and he needs to go. Thank you.

[01:52:47] CM Krekorian

Next caller, please.

[01:52:50] CM Soto-Martinez

Next caller. Which items would you like to speak on? Next caller. Which items would you like to speak on?

[01:53:04] Caller 6 Michael Lobster

I would like to speak on.

[01:53:05] Caller 6 Michael Lobster

General public comment.

[01:53:07] City Attorney

Okay, so you have one minute for general public comment. Please begin.

[01:53:10] Caller 6 Michael Lobster

Yes. My name is Michael Lobster. This is not 1939. The Hollywood sign has killed more people than the Manson family. This is the best tool for human trafficking. The Hollywood sign is a Mecca for kids to be killed and sucked into this lifestyle. Number two shells are Brock Landers. They make a great couple. Also, we need to take DNA samples from Saks, Spindler, and Herman so we can clone them and make them forever and ever part of the city council. Thank you.

[01:53:50] City Attorney

Next caller.

[01:53:54] Clerk 2

Next caller. Which items would you like to speak on?

[01:53:59] Caller 7

Hello.

[01:54:00] City Attorney

Yes, we can hear you. Which items would you like to speak on?

[01:54:04] Caller 7

Um, my just first date that in a city of 4 million people, when there's disabled elderly mothers, home with kids, people at jobs you have to take.

[01:54:14] City Attorney

So I'm going to ask you again, which items would you like to speak on? You can speak to that during general public comment, but are there items you would like to speak on?

[01:54:23] Caller 7

I'll take 23, 24, and I believe it was 26 in general public comment. And please do not. So you.

[01:54:32] City Attorney

Have three minutes for the items and one minute for general public.

[01:54:36] Caller 7

General public comment. If you don't, you know, if I'm opposing something, y'all are quick to cut off people that are in opposition, especially if they're black, brown or indigenous.

[01:54:45] City Attorney

So caller, I need you to stick to the items.

[01:54:49] Caller 7

Okay, I'll do that. But you should have cut off the guy that was making racist comments.

[01:54:54] City Attorney

And so, caller this is your last warning. I need you to stick to the items first. Your three minutes have already begun or I'm going to.

[01:55:02] Caller 7

23. Okay, so emergency declaration for homelessness. This was dated July 7th, 2023. Now an emergency means to me something of urgency, right? And an emergency declaration on homelessness. It seems to me one skid row should have been ground zero for homelessness, right in the emergency. Since it's been around for decades. Y'all been working on homelessness for decades and it's not being solved. It's actually getting worse, right? In addition, maybe you should adopted the People's Budget LA, right? So instead of giving 3.4 billion plus another 87 million to LAPD, some of that could actually go to fund housing and resources for black and brown communities. Right. Um, maybe we should look at that. In addition, you know, you got elderly and women out there and that needs it needs an urgency and an addition. You know, you're developing more housing at market rate. You need to develop housing with affordable housing. Even if you put people up, they have to be able to afford it. Right. That makes sense. So we need affordable housing. Okay. Um, that ties into number 24 again. Where is the urgency this guy before mentioned the Red cross. If there is an like a state , it means you should be working on it 24 over seven. Right. And you should be able to instruct a construct something or fill these empty buildings that are at market rate. Right. Give the people housing number 26. Let's see, 26 has to do with the economic roundtable. Again, why are you spending the study is necessary, but we're wasting time with the study. And that's an exuberant amount of money that actually could go into services for black and brown communities. Okay, onto my general public comment. Okay.

[01:57:05] City Attorney

So you have one minute for general public comment.

[01:57:08] Caller 7

Somehow, you know, the United States of America has 100 billion to send to Israel, right? For the genocide of Palestinian people that are currently being bombed, wiped out of their community, wiped out of their own country. But you all can't find the money to house people here, and our money should not be going right to the genocide of anyone. And let's look at the current occupation on Turtle Island, right here in the United States is an occupying force on indigenous land. Right. Let's fund some indigenous folks. There's a current occupation going on right here in United States of America. And that's right here on Turtle Island. Right. We need to fund indigenous people. We need the LAPD and the sheriff to stop killing our folks out here, our black and brown and indigenous community members. Right. And we need to adopt the People's Budget la, adopt the people's budget. You know, the community laid it out. They did your job for you all.

[01:58:14] CM Krekorian

All right. Thank you very much. That will close public comment on all agenda items as well as general public comment. Mr. Clark, what is next available for us to vote on?

[01:58:25] Clerk

Mr. president the council may now vote on items one through 14 and 27 through 32.

[01:58:32] CM Krekorian

Very good. Mr. Price. Did you need to be heard on these items?

[01:58:37] CM Price

Thank you, Mr. President. Like to I'm advised by the city attorney to recuse myself from items 21 and 26.

[01:58:43] CM Price

Because I'm a landlord. 21, 21 and 26.

[01:58:46] CM Krekorian

So we're going to be deferring those until the end because I am recusing as well. So we'll be taking those up after we take up our other items. So on items one through 14 and 27 through 32, those items are now before us. Do any members wish to be heard? Seeing none, let's open the roll. Close the roll and tabulate the votes.

[01:59:09] Clerk 2

15 eyes.

[01:59:11] CM Krekorian

Thank you. That will bring up next item 22, as amended by motion of Council Member Rodriguez, Blumenfield and Rahman. Do any members wish to be heard on item 22? Seeing none, let's go ahead and open the roll. Close the roll and tabulate the votes.

[01:59:32] Clerk 2

15 eyes.

[01:59:34] CM Krekorian

Thank you. That will bring us next to item number 25, which was called special by Council Member Hernandez. On this item. Do any members wish to be heard? Seeing none. Let's open the roll. Close the roll and tabulate the votes.

[01:59:56] Clerk 2

13 eyes. Two no's.

[01:59:59] CM Krekorian

Okay, that will bring up next item. Items 19 and 20 were called special by Mr. de Leon. Can we take those items up together? All right. Items 19 and 20 are now before us. Mr. de Leon.

[02:00:17] CM De Leon

Thank you very much. Mr. Kerkorian. As well as colleagues. This measure, item 19, would provide an interim regulation of larger hillside houses proposed in northeast Los Angeles until the council officially adopts the final ordinance currently being reviewed by the city attorney to require site plan review of houses 2500ft² or larger. The current citywide ordinance establishes a significantly larger house size intended for large estate lots. However, in the meantime, proposed hillside houses in my district in northeast L.A are out of scale and incompatible with the area's historical pattern of development. This would give the city time to address the disconnect for a long time. I urge your support. And go on the next one?

[02:01:08] CM Krekorian

Yes. If you'd like to speak to the other item, go. Go right.

[02:01:10] CM De Leon

Ahead. And lastly, I will say an item number 20. The planning department initiated the update to the Boyle Heights Community Plan nearly a decade ago. The community plan is moving through the legislative process and policies to protect affordable housing, address displacement of local residents and legacy businesses are currently being developed, which is absolutely critical. In fact, my office is hosting an open house in Boyle Heights at the Boyle Heights City Hall so the community can learn more about the proposed policies and give input to the planners. However, in the meantime, the real estate market is at work and my office has witnessed a high rate of demolition permits being requested. This measure is grounded in real world data happening as we speak. Real estate developers are taking older properties with occupied r-so units out, invoking the act and applying for demolition permits so low income families are losing affordable housing. It's not just acute in city 14, but happening throughout the city of Los Angeles. I'm concerned about longtime tenants protected by rent control who are now vulnerable to being displaced. Even legacy commercial businesses are being threatened by demolitions. This measure would initiate a policy to prohibit demolition permits involving buildings with occupied units. Until such time, the Boyle Heights Community Plan Update is enacted into law, so it's an interim short gap measure to prevent the demolition of units that are. So the City Planning Commission voted and forward its recommendations to the City Council. My office is working with the plum committee chair to take the to take the matter to the Plum Committee. I do want to thank the Plum Committee for passing this motion out of the committee unanimously. Mr. president, as well as colleagues, I respectfully ask for an I vote.

[02:03:08] CM Krekorian

Thank you. Do any other members wish to be heard on items 19 and 20? Seeing none. Mr. clerk, can we take those items up together?

[02:03:17] Clerk

Yes, Mr. President.

[02:03:18] CM Krekorian

Okay. Those items are now before us. Let's go ahead and open the roll. Close the roll. Tabulate the votes.

[02:03:26] Clerk 2

15 eyes.

[02:03:28] CM Krekorian

Very good. That brings us next to items 23 and 24, which were called special by Council member Rodriguez for questions. Council member Rodriguez.

[02:03:36] CM Rodriguez

Thank you, Mr. President. And I'll begin by some general remarks related to item 23. Colleagues, there's no question that we have an enormous emergency on our streets when it comes to addressing the homeless population. But I want to be clear, one of the things that I continue to be frustrated by is that we continue to extend these emergency authorizations. And, you know, thank you, Jenna, for being here with us. We extend these emergency authorizations. But what's really important is how we measure the work of what is being actually conducted and completed on the streets. And it's important because we've availed a great deal, a great amount of additional resources and discretion in to the mayor's office to help fulfill the housing placements of a number of the individuals that are being addressed through the inside safe operations. However, one of the problems is, is that we continue to be there continues to be delays in what those metrics look like. We continue to provide this, you know, some blind trust, unfortunately. And while I recognize that there was a process of, frankly, building the plane while flying it, we are now approaching this one year mark of availing these types of this a lot of flexibility, without still having the evaluative piece about how cost effective this process has been. Really no clear delineation on where these operations are deployed, the equity in the distribution of where these efforts are deployed. Because when I look at the way certain operations have been conducted across the city of Los Angeles, it hasn't been, you know, some areas have received a substantial amount of of efforts and some areas continue to not continue to receive its share of, of operations. And so I think what's really important and, you know, we are, again, approving the renewing of this order without having received the metrics that were promised to us. And we continue to await. I know we've had these conversations. Extensively in the housing, Housing and Homelessness Committee. But I just want to remind everybody, and again, I don't have a question specific to item 23. I'm just putting on the record again, something that I've repeated consistently in committee is that in order for us to continue to extend the financial resources, in my opinion, we have to evaluate whether or not this approach is cost effective, given all of the other approaches that we've completed in the past with respect to addressing homelessness in the city. And we've got we've got other examples, whether it was through roadmaps and some of the other individual efforts that we've done in concert with Lhasa or some of our spa leads in a variety of our districts. But I think from the perspective of being in the San Fernando Valley, looking at where the distribution of these efforts have been conducted, there hasn't been, you know, while we have a lot of conversations around this horseshoe and in this building around equity fulfilling, that hasn't really revealed itself in that manner. And so I really want to make sure that going forward, as we, you know, as these as this trust is being provided, that the metrics that the evaluation that the transparency associated with the work is forthcoming. Because I know these conversations are ongoing and we've continued to struggle and and we ask and we ask and it's not really being met completely in that conversation. And so I just I know we're going to be in a transition in that. And I just wanted to for the record. Make sure that we memorialize that, that expectation publicly for everyone to understand what is expected, because we continue to ask some of the very same questions about how are these locations selected? What is the what is the cost per operation, and how do we evaluate that per the cost of previous operations that we've completed in the city? And I think it's really important for us to and also to know what the success rate has been in transitioning some of these individuals from these interim sites. You know, what has been their trajectory into making it into PSR or some other type of permanent solution, whether it's, you know, qualifying for for some of the. Subsidies that might be availed to them based that they're qualified for, so that they can actually have resume independent living depending on what their circumstances are. So I really look forward to going forward before the next request for a renewal of an order that we finally get answers, really explicit, detailed answers to a lot of the questions that remain outstanding with respect to the order. But for item 24 and this is this is regarding the the the Homelessness and Housing Action Plan in response to the emergency declaration. So we know among all the objectives that are listed in this, that we talk about the substance abuse Disorder program, all of these things again, still very murky. Not very you know, it doesn't really provide we still haven't received a lot of great detail in terms of both the objectives. It's been defined very broadly, but it's always the details that matter when it comes to the expenditures associated with this. This council has approved a great deal of resources for these efforts without detail. And as I've said in committee and as I've said in budget, you know, shame on us because this is a this is a collaboration. This is efforts that need to be done with greater transparency, particularly when taxpayers have assessed themselves through measure H, through H-h-h through all of these multitude of efforts, and now have supplemented with additional general fund dollars, that we want to make sure that we actually have outcomes that we can all be proud of and that we know are making the highest and best use of the limited resources that we have. And so my team has continued to feel some frustration with the lack of responsiveness, particularly with respect to we know that there have been exits associated with some of the operations. For example, with inside Safe, we have individuals that are queued up that are ready. You know, you indicated that, you know, homelessness and RV encampments, which is amongst some of the highest challenges that I've experienced in my own district. That's why we launched the RV pilot. That has resulted in 94 individuals being placed, over 50 RVs being completely removed off the streets in just over a year. We want to make sure that we are able to extend that level of success across the city. But the fundamental part of of implementing that is the access to the rooms. And so my question is, what is the process when there is exits for individuals that are part of inside safe operations, when there are exits, we know that those rooms are now available. What is the mayor's office doing to help facilitate that? Now that we've identified, let's say there's ten rooms now available because there's 1010 exits coordinating the resources, because right now I've got nine people in RVs just waiting for a room to start transitioning out. What is the process that the mayor's office is doing and following up and fulfilling on? Because and I'm saying this out of a lack of, you know, there's been frustration that we haven't gotten this response. So I have to ask it publicly to avail those rooms. Now that you've got you've still got all this money available to you. What are you doing to make those rooms available to help do the placements immediately in the areas where we've already had exits, and we know that those rooms are available for placement for individuals experiencing homelessness.

[02:12:25] Jenna Hornstock (Mayor)

Good morning everyone. I'm Jenna Hornstock, deputy mayor of housing. So I was made aware of this question just a few minutes ago. So I'm going to do my give you the answer I have now, which is first and foremost, when I was made aware that there hadn't been a response, I would ask that if your staff isn't getting a response, I'm pretty responsive, like almost badly so like I don't sleep. So please do include me if you're not getting a response and I'm happy to work with you, I would need a little more specific information about the hotels. I do know that while we are transitioning to longer-term occupancy agreements where we take over an entire hotel, I don't believe we have any yet in the valley. Which would suggest to me, sitting here that we have booking nightly booking agreements, I can't say for sure and I will follow up, but my guess is that when folks leave, we end that booking agreement because we're just renting the motel rooms and thus they're we're not paying for them anymore. When we do have occupancy agreements, it'll be different because we'll have the entire hotel and we'll be paying for it. And I think there's more opportunity to bring people in. But I will need to look more specifically, and I will work with Christian on that.

[02:13:25] CM Rodriguez

Thank you. And are there currently any plans or future initiatives to so you said you're doing the long-term leasing, but given the most recent example that we had with the Mayfair, are there any current plans or locations that are currently identified for similar acquisition?

[02:13:44] Jenna Hornstock (Mayor)

Yeah. So again, we had 47 million set aside in the budget and inside safe budget for acquisitions. Some went to the Mayfair and then we did apply through the project Homekey three program. And this council approved that application to acquire three additional hotels. The matching funds for that almost exhaust what was put forward in the budget. So what we're looking at now, we're working with our brokers to figure out if we can structure a form of option to purchase. I don't want to call it a lease to purchase. They're the attorneys tell me that's the wrong thing to call it. So what we're trying to do is structure a form of option to purchase, where we can approach the motels we're working with and see who might be interested because we wouldn't have the money up front. So that is what we want to work on and test it out with some of the folks that have indicated interest in selling. We will need to package that and come back to council because that is making a forward commitment. I think we'd also have to take that through the regular mFCC process. So we are trying to structure a way to more flexibly see where we can acquire additional hotels.

[02:14:41] CM Rodriguez

Thank you. And so how many rooms? So in that process, because what I think is really important, and I've said this in H and H committee as well, is that one of the biggest looming objectives that we have over our head is to the compliance with the Alliance agreement. And so what is the. Effort that is being deployed to help fulfill the, you know, the the Alliance agreement that, you know, again, it is call it whatever you want. It is essentially a consent decree. We have gone into this. We recognize that there has been a failure. We have agreed to these terms, and we have an obligation to fulfill the compliance with that settlement. So what are the what is the goals and what are you guys doing to help fulfill the outstanding room rooms that are beds that we need to secure in order to fulfill and get into compliance with that agreement? Well, again.

[02:15:40] Jenna Hornstock (Mayor)

If we hopefully we were supposed to here by this week on the home key sites, if we get those three plus the Mayfair, we're looking at nearly about, it's about 450 additional rooms that would be under control that would meet that. So in less than a year that feels pretty good. We also recall have 500 tiny homes at the state is providing us. So now we're close to a thousand right there that didn't exist prior. But I agree, I think moving forward again, talking about this idea of option to purchase and what does that look like and what kind of financial commitment is that from the city? I think that's a really good opportunity going into the next budget cycle to have that conversation. So we are working now to try to have a better plan together on that. I'm not you know, I can't say at this moment if we have other properties still under occupancy agreements, those could be ways. But I'm with you. I think getting nearly a thousand if we can in the next year is pretty great looking at the option to purchase. And then we need to continue having the conversations about how to get the rest of the way. I'll add on the flip side, on the affordable housing side, which is more my area of expertise, you know, something that's in the action plan that I want to lift up for council, that kind of keeps me up at night is to provide more permanent supportive housing. We need more operating subsidies and meaning the project based vouchers that we've used, we have been so incredibly successful. You all have as a council and as a city with H-h-h that we have used our project based vouchers, and those are critical operating subsidies to provide PSH, which, you know, are the kind of units that meet the requirements of the Alliance settlement. Those operating subsidies pay the rent, basically, and we need more of them. And we need to lobby the federal government and the state government. And, you know, we had good news with ULA was the first or the state lawsuit, the first win. We do expect an appeal. But even with ULA, only a tiny percent can be used for operating subsidies. And because they're like a 20-year commitment, we estimate that that might cover 1500 to 2000 units. And then it's done because it's a 20 year commitment. So I want to say for this council, and it's in the plan that we need to work together as a city to figure out how we continue to provide permanent supportive housing, which is an important part of the Alliance settlement as well.

[02:17:50] CM Rodriguez

And, well, it absolutely is. But it's also important that we make maximum use, for example, of the resources that are now been availed through the alliance settlement with the county, so that we access those treatment beds that we know. So often we have individuals that are co-locating now, we've moved some of the some of the challenges in inside and co-locating that with individuals that perhaps don't have the same treatment needs and attentive to some of the substance abuse or mental health concerns that they might have.

And so I think it's really important that there are really well thought out strategies that are communicated far in advance of us getting to these moments where we're waiting, where we're being asked to approve things without greater detail or insight as to what the process is. And I appreciate, you know, I know you're responsive, but I have to put it on the record that there has been some problems in getting consistent responsiveness. Everyone has a different experience. That has been unfortunately, our experience.

And I think when we have conversations around how do we know when there has been so many resources that have been allocated to this effort? The taxpayers and the San Fernando Valley need just as much of attention and respect and attention to the dollars that these tax dollars represent of their contributions than any other part of the city. And so I just want to put it on the record that my expectation is that that information will be more forthcoming, that there will be greater detail with the plans and how to address that. And I also want to say with respect to the Alliance case that I want to remind us all that it is it is a variety of bed options that are available to us. It doesn't have to be PSA. It could be the interim, it could be congregate, it could be a whole variety of solutions that we provide to get into compliance. And when we've expended \$150 million or have allocated an additional \$150 million for me, and I said it from from day one, it is really important that what we're working to achieve is compliance with that outstanding agreement and falling short of that whether. Whether we, you know, whether we agree with or we could have gotten better or we could have done this is the agreement that we have. And so we all need to be in alignment and making sure that we're working our way closer to that. And so I look forward to our continued efforts and conversations around about the situation. We know what the huge spike was not just in my district, but citywide. It continues to be a struggle. I look forward to that conversation being held. I know we're reporting back on with the pilot that we've launched in my district being heard tomorrow in committee, but we really, you know, when when I look at the success that we've had with my pilot in just over a year and this council allocated additional resources to expand, I know CD 11, CD five were interested and also, you know, rolling this out. The county doesn't have a model that works. A year after they said, oh, it's complicated. Yeah, it is complicated. We've worked through a lot of those roadblocks. I want to make sure that we can work collaboratively to help avail the solutions that really immediately address and facilitate expediting those encampment resolution sites with respect to RVs leading the disposition, but most importantly, placing those individuals. And so we've got nine folks right now in Cd7 that are ready to go. These particular RVs present a very severe public safety hazard, and we'd like the cooperation to make sure that those rooms are made available once there are exits, so that we can be better coordinated in maximizing that. We've got these opportunities that we can help facilitate these folks going into housing and get these RVs off the street. Thank you.

[02:21:52] CM Krekorian

All right. There's no other members on the queue. So on item number 24, I'd move that. We note and file the mayor's report. And, Mr. Clerk, we can take up items 23 and 24 together. Oh. I'm sorry, is there a second for my motion? Council member Rahman seconds. Thank you. All right. Uh.

[02:22:11] Clerk

Mr. President, for the record, item 23, there is a amended resolution 23 A that has been circulated and that's presented by Mr. Krikorian and Council Member Rahman.

[02:22:24] CM Krekorian

Very good. So, as amended, we can take up items 23 and 24 together.

[02:22:31] Clerk

That is correct, sir.

[02:22:32] CM Krekorian

Okay. Those items are now before us. There's no members on the queue. Let's open the roll. Close the roll and tabulate the votes.

[02:22:41] Clerk 2

14 eyes.

[02:22:43] CM Krekorian

Very good. That leaves us now with items 21 and 26. So. So we're going to hold just a minute because I'll be recusing on these items. So I'd like to ask Mr. Harris-dawson to come on forward.

[02:23:22] Clerk 2

He's here.

[02:23:28] CM Krekorian

All right. Thank you, Mr. Harris. Dawson, I'm handing the baton, and I'll be stepping out.

[02:23:34] Speaker47

Thank you. But.

[02:23:45] CM Price

Councilwoman Raman.

[02:23:48] CM Rodriguez

So one of the I'm very grateful that we're hearing item 21 now, and I had requested that this item be heard in full council. This is an accounting of the plan for our expenditures under Ullah, for really for our first year of its operating. And given that this is a new program, given that this has the potential, if it continues to exist in the city of Los Angeles, despite numerous challenges around it, that this will be a transformative program for the city of Los Angeles. And although we've been hearing quite a bit about Ullah in the Housing and Homelessness Committee, I wanted to make sure that everyone around this body had an opportunity to wrangle with the first set of recommendations that have come out and the first set of planned expenditures and the plan going forward. And for everybody here to be able to ask questions as we move forward in establishing programming that again, given the fact that this is the first expenditures and funding of its kind, the first sustained funding that we will have for this kind of programming on an ongoing basis that is set aside for exactly this purpose, that this will be the kind of expenditures that will really reshape how L.A. is responding to our housing and homelessness crisis on an ongoing basis. So with that, I wanted to thank this body for providing us some time today to be able to wrangle with it together and look forward to what I'm sure will be an interesting discussion. Thank you.

[02:25:29] Trician Kean LAHD

So good afternoon. I'm Tricia Kean, the executive officer of the Los Angeles Housing Department. And I'm here with Greg Good, who is a senior adviser to the department. We're very happy to be with you today to update the council on its progress and the work that's needed moving forward. I'll hand it over to Greg. Good to provide the council with the update. And we're happy to answer any questions that you might have after we're finished.

[02:25:54] Greg Good LAHD

Thank you. Tricia. Good morning. Or excuse me. Good afternoon, Council members. It is a pleasure to be with you all, as always, and we appreciate the opportunity to update the council on its progress. And as Tricia said, the work moving forward today on behalf of the LA Housing Department, I'm going to provide you all with one. A brief overview of what's been accomplished with LA thus far, to a summary of what we recommend and ask for your support for with the report before you today. And three is snapshot of the work ahead. And then obviously will be available for as many questions as folks have because we love talking to you, LA. As you all know, the United House LA ordinance went into effect on January 1st, 2023, and revenue collection commenced on April 1st, 2023. To be clear, this measure and ordinance is ambitious. It is sweeping and it is demanding. But in collaboration with a host of stakeholders, particularly the LA coalition, that drove this measure to fruition the department, the mayor's office, this council and the city, we have accomplished a great deal in a very short period of time. We established a groundbreaking 15 member citizen oversight committee established to essentially oversee the work of this ordinance and to be an institutionalized voice of the community appointed by the mayor, confirmed by this council, tasked with an incredible amount of work, this diverse group has met six times since May, building on a comprehensive series of stakeholder meetings held in January to advance a set of six interim program guidelines and an inaugural expenditure plan. We are working with the Mayor's Office and Council to establish a first of its kind tenant, council of renters and people experiencing homelessness that the mayor will ultimately appoint and put before the council for consideration. We have collected approximately \$100 million in ULA revenue on 175 transactions since April 1st, far short of what is expected on an annual basis. Ultimately, but significant in light of the chill effect of the multiple lawsuits and the pending ballot measure in November. We have seen and experienced a very positive first round, if you will, in the litigation battle. As the federal District court dismissed one lawsuit, while the LA Superior Court just last week ruled unequivocally in the city's favor on the state lawsuit granting the city's motion for judgment on the pleadings. Appeals are expected in both cases, but we are bullish on the prospects, and in any event, we were shielded from a long jury trial or trial, ultimately from from from delaying things further than they could have, something we could ill afford. Obviously, while people die on our streets and fall into homelessness out of housing insecurity. And of course, the mayor in this council acted boldly and courageously and committing up to \$150 million in revenue in the fiscal year 2324 budget to six expenditure programs, despite the risk of having to refund that money in the event that we lose in either piece of litigation. So with that, we come to you today requesting final approval on the interim program guidelines, as well as an amended expenditure plan and proposed staffing and enforcement plan for the Anti Tenant Harassment Ordinance. On August 29th, the City Council approved the Citizen Oversight Committees, proposed interim program guidelines and proposed Fiscal year 2324 expenditure plan contingent on multiple instructions. Chief among those were providing revised program guidelines for the Multifamily Affordable Housing Accelerator Program, providing revised program guidelines on the Short Term Assistance Program, and revised guidelines on the income support for rent burdened seniors and persons with rent burden at risk seniors and persons with disabilities Program. We were asked to provide, as mentioned, a full staffing and enforcement plan for the Tenant Harassment Anti Tenant Harassment Ordinance through the protections from Anti Tenant Harassment Program to provide a detailed allocation of administration costs for LHD for the fiscal year 2324 expenditure plan and to provide quarterly reporting on contract performance. The Council's Homelessness and Housing Committee and the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee approved the report before you and we request your support, your support as well. Toward that end, I'll highlight several key recommendations offered in the report in response to council direction. First and we're very excited about this. In the report, our revised program guidelines for the Accelerator Plus program, this is a supplemental \$56.8 million funding effort intended to facilitate the acceleration of projects that are either in construction or near construction, or that could be expedited in their tax credit process with an immediate loan. The program will prioritize projects in or near construction again, and we anticipate up to 700 units being produced. All projects are subject to the measure, meaning that they are required to be 40 units or more, and they are subject to the Public Works Master Project labor agreement. Priority will be given to projects already under construction or that need an accelerator plus award to begin, and that require the lowest accelerator plus per unit loan.

[02:31:33] CM Raman

Sorry Greg, if I could just ask one question here, even for the projects that are in progress that you're planning to be funding through this, the project labor agreement will apply. Is that correct?

[02:31:44] Greg Good LAHD

Yes, ma'am. Yes.

[02:31:45] CM Raman

Okay. Thank you very much.

[02:31:47] Greg Good LAHD

Any project that the Accelerator Plus program will be subject to the project labor agreements. Thank you for the question. So contingent on on y'all's approval today, a notice of funding availability will open this Friday, or at least by the first part of next week. But we plan to post this Friday with award recommendations being published as early as mid February, which is exciting. That means getting sticks in the ground, hammers going, work getting done, and units being built. Second, as most of you know, and has been pretty well successfully publicized, the short term Assistance Program was amended to include an application portal for small landlords or small housing providers, owning cumulatively 12 units or less. The application portal opened at 8 p.m. or excuse me, 8 a.m. last Monday, October 23rd and will remain open until 6 p.m. today. A robust and aggressive outreach campaign paid for with outreach and education, tenant outreach and education dollars has taken place. This included social media, Instagram, Facebook, Nextdoor, artists formerly known as Twitter, Spanish, Mandarin, Korean, Cantonese and English, radio and neighborhood papers in English, Spanish, Korean, Cantonese, as well as in the San Fernando Valley Business Journal and the Los Angeles Valley Business Journal. And as of this morning, we received 2970 landlord applications. 674 of those were attached to tenant applications. In other words, those are applications where both the tenant and the landlord applied, and 59.5 million in back rent was identified or claimed. Third, and the revised guidelines in your report today includes that landlord portal. Third, as a reminder, in light of the temporary nature of the money, the precariousness of the money and the litigation, the. Guidelines that you all have approved thus far have been interim. Some of them will simply become moot when we get to what I like to call grown up Eula. Right now, we're sort of in baby Eula, and we're going to get to grown up Eula. And some of these will essentially expire with the income support for rent burdened at risk seniors and persons with disabilities. In light of the temporary nature of it we move towards. And this Council approved a direction towards time limited subsidies. As we drilled down on that work, a couple of challenges became very apparent. One time limited subsidies are predicated on the idea that there are units on the other end, and we have a shortage of units on the other end. In fact, we have backlogs. That is a significant challenge, and we don't want to create a financial cliff for folks who would get those time limited subsidies. Another challenge is that, you know, Lhasa is probably the main game in town in terms of administering time limited subsidies, and Lhasa doesn't have the capacity to suddenly be handling another additional \$23 million without staffing. But in a lot of the temporary nature of the money, we can't really ask them to hire more folks. And so none of this is to say that that program is not fully, fully on our radar. And we're working very hard in meeting with stakeholders to get there. But what became very clear is that the practical reality is that a program would not materialize, at least until March. There's work to be done. Meanwhile, as I don't have to tell anybody here, the short term assistance program is over subscribed. And so what you have before you is a recommended reallocation in the expenditure plan of \$12 million from the Income Support Program to the Short Term Assistance program. A two thirds increase in that program. It still doesn't meet the demand, but that is a substantial reallocation and commitment. The Citizen Oversight Committee also heard this and endorsed this reallocation. They did request that that 12 million be prioritized towards seniors and persons with disabilities at the 30% Ami level. That is not problematic. We will that, in fact, seniors and persons with disabilities were already prioritized in the model. And then fourth in terms of the chief recommendations. The, you know, essentially, the council instructed us to submit a plan for staffing and enforcement of the Tenant Harassment Ordinance through the protections from Tenant Harassment Program, which has never been adequately resourced. We've submitted this plan and do not envision any remaining money from this program for short term assistance. To briefly summarize our proposal. It primarily rests on four pillars. One is development of a platform technology. No more whac a mole. Right now it is incoming from all different kinds of sources without an ability to sort of identify a pattern and practice, which is essentially where you're going to identify and the way you're going to identify your worst actors. So developing a technology platform to really track, if you see an instance with a landlord in Wilmington and you hear of another that sounds very familiar in North Hollywood, you can potentially identify a pattern and practice among them. And we begin to figure out, you know, where are those real bad actors are? To staffing. Simply put, this is a program that requires human beings. And so we are recommending 15 position authorities. And what this would include, and what I think is particularly exciting about it, is to have teams of two at each of our five regional offices, and that would be one inspector and one investigator. Inspectors cover code enforcement, right? Which is one of the means that that bad actors antenna harassment use is habitability issues. Investigators are rent and they would be there. The folks who know the so and know those patterns there. And so you'd have essentially. And for Halloween I'm wearing my Batman cufflinks here. You'd have Batman and Robin teams in all five regional offices to actually go out, be closer to the ground, identify some of the worst case scenarios in the district and, by the way, avail themselves of the technology to really get strategic and intentional versus reactive and whack a mole. Three civil case enforcement through legal service providers. The the Tahoe Ordinance affords individuals a private right of action. We recommend providing \$3 million to legal service providers to handle some of those cases. And for CVO outreach. The measure requires that 30% of the money for protections for tenant harassment go to community based organizations to do targeted and deep organizing and education, not just flyering, but actually identifying. And we're working with Sage on an anti displacement tool to really identify communities that that are at risk of displacement, go and meet with those tenants, go and meet with those landlords and make sure folks know their rights and folks know their obligations. The whole premise here is surgical, rather than a big giant blanket to identify the bad actors and to be able to act accordingly. Lastly, the report includes a detailed breakdown of the administrative allocation in fiscal year 2324 and as instructed, we are also working with the Personnel Department and the Cao on developing a classification for the Permanent Inspector General. And we plan to upload to this council file on a quarterly basis. Contract performance and metric reports relative to those contracts. Also an amendment introduced by Council Member Blumenfeld at the budget, Finance and Innovation Committee, Los Angeles Housing Department will also request that the COC, the COC, have us present on an Adu pilot for consideration in development of the permanent program guidelines, which segways to moving forward. So, with the approval of this report, LHD will be fully authorized to move forward with interim programs or what I like to call again,

baby LA, with the exception of the Income Support program, which we will continue to develop. Now the CRC in collaboration with LHD, with the LA coalition and other stakeholders. The Council and the Mayor's office is embarking on the development of permanent program guidelines, and this is going to be a massive endeavor. Ten expenditure categories. This is deep. It is forever. When we win this litigation, this process will be driven by the CRC as dictated by the ordinance, and will build upon stakeholder meetings convened earlier this year. The experience of the process for developing the implement and the implementation of the interim program guidelines and ongoing stakeholder engagement, including, but not exclusively with the United House LA coalition. We also look forward to seeing the first Tenant Council, and we're all anxious for the CRC to hire an inspector general. Once an inspector general is in place, the CRC, as mandated by the ordinance, will also be developing a comprehensive needs assessment both in terms of production as well as homelessness prevention, and they will be putting together a community town hall consistent with the measure, one which all of you will be invited to, although we'll have to figure out the Brown Act implications. So with that, again, we request your approval of the report before you and are available for questions. Thank you all very much and happy Halloween.

[02:41:24] CM Harris-Dawson

Thank you so much, Mr. Good. Ms. Raman?

[02:41:28] CM Raman

I just wanted to have one. Kick us off with one question which is related to the needs assessment. Can you talk a little bit more about how you're formulating that needs assessment, what it is going to be looking at, what are the key questions that it will be asking, and how that needs assessment will dovetail with existing questions that the Housing and Homelessness Committee has been asking through its work, and that the mayor's office has also been asking through their work because. It feels like there are a number of efforts ahead which are looking at what are the holistic needs of the city. We had Deputy Mayor Hornstock here right before you, who brought up the question of the availability of project based voucher dollars. So will this be the kind of needs assessment that will allow us not just to expend ullah dollars, but also to plan for a more holistic strategy for investing in affordable housing and permanent supportive housing in the city of Los Angeles.

[02:42:34] Greg Good LAHD

I think the answer is yes, yes, yes and yes. Councilmember. And it's a great question. I mean, as a starting point, what the what I mean, candidly, the cost is not there yet. We're still sort of, again, almost getting two programs going at once. What our team, our staff is doing is compiling a lot of what currently exists in terms of studies and reports that that we all are very familiar with and then the COC will come together to look very holistically. And they had to do this every three, every three years and, and to, to bring in the inputs to, I mean, I think, in other words, having a lot of collaboration with the Homelessness and Housing Committee, we had the CLA come in or the CAC invited the CLA to come in and provide a report or a presentation on the homelessness prevention programs report that they've done. So the department certainly views that as a very collaborative effort with this body and with others, and figure out a way for sort of meaningful rather than ad hoc communication.

[02:43:43] CM Raman

What is the timeline for the needs assessment? How will it be commissioned and who will be undertaking it?

[02:43:51] Greg Good LAHD

There's the CAC, which, you know, we do defer to in terms of how they want to do this. They they plan to work with our policy team to to figure out what is both necessary and both and what is what is most helpful. There is a great deal of urgency on prioritizing the permanent program guidelines right now, in light of the fact that the litigation could get resolved, and we need to be able to move aggressively, they are also getting ready to start digging into that. So I don't have a timeline. And it's frankly their timeline, which is one of the things that's new about United Hatzalah.

[02:44:34] CM Raman

It's the COC's timeline.

[02:44:35] Caller 6 Michael Lobster

Yeah.

[02:44:36] CM Rodriguez

Okay. All right. Thank you.

[02:44:38] CM Price

Thank you, thank you so much. Council member Yaroslavsky.

[02:44:42] CM Yaroslavsky

Thank you so much for this exhaustive and excellent presentation. The recent news about the Superior Court victory victories is great news. I have a couple of questions about the timing of of the case. Assuming they appeal, what do we think the expected timing is for that appeal to be heard?

[02:45:00] Greg Good LAHD

Well, my understanding and clearly this is I don't want to jump into the city attorney's space, but my understanding is the they will definitely appeal. That's going to happen. And then I think we would certainly urge the court to consider things on an expedited basis. You certainly know that that's that's that's the will of the court. And then I think we could expect appeals all the way up. I think that what we need to do is be prepared for the possibility of the most expeditious resolution possible, which the way we're thinking is late spring. That's probably optimistic, but that would but we need to be prepared for that in the event that we get into a new fiscal year. And then we're looking at, you know, a new, you know, a revised expenditure plan. So we need to be ready. And the goal is to actually certainly what the COC is thinking is that the permanent program guidelines would need to be ready by then so that everything sort of ready to rock and roll. If we get quick resolution green light go head into the fiscal year. It could also and the expenditure plan that you all have approved, including if you approve the one with the reallocation today, is sort of predicated on the idea that it would resolve by by December 31st of next calendar year, which we sort of thought of as the worst case scenario. And so we're assuming these programs run through that timeline.

[02:46:28] CM Yaroslavsky

Thank you. The statewide ballot measure, the California Business Roundtable effort. Can you remind us what happens if the state measures successful?

[02:46:40] Greg Good LAHD

If the state measure is successful, Eula is dead. And any like ordinance that has been passed in a California city, I believe, in the last two years would be like. No. And void of particular import as well for us is that unlike the litigation where we can presuppose, I think quite accurately, that we would be required to repay what we have spent. With the ballot measure. General opinion is that we would not have to repay because you can't claw back on on a. On a citizen driven tax measure.

[02:47:20] CM Yaroslavsky

So thank you. So I just want to shift to programs really fast. I'm very concerned. Like all of us around the horseshoe are about the likely wave of evictions that are happening across the city. All the ones that have happened so far, we're receiving 2 to 303 day notices every week as we continue to collect more revenue. How can we expand upon the recent rental assistance portal to support more tenants and small landlords? And can we work to expand the eviction defense programs to ensure more tenants across the city are eligible?

[02:47:56] Greg Good LAHD

So relative to the short term assistance, one thing is not to be glib, but approved today's report because we just put 12 million. We've recommended an additional 12 million in there. And then make sure that we're continually communicating. I think the other thing is we've put or you all have put in the EEOC has put \$23 million into eviction defense, and they are working assiduously to ramp that up. They need that time to be able to do that. And then I think, you know, all of the other programs, you know, feed into that the tenant outreach and education, which once it becomes not just about and I don't mean this as derisively, not just about short term assistance, but also about knowing your rights and landlords knowing their obligations. I think that that's actually very meaningful in that process. People need to know that, like, you know, that there's a process that they are subject to, but that they need to make the calls and do, you know, reach out to eviction defense. So the tenant outreach and education is going to be very meaningful. And I think the the anti tenant harassment will be meaningful as well to get that sort of whatever that quotient is of folks that where those evictions may or may not be appropriate. There's no silver bullets, as you know. But but I think getting everything moving as quickly as possible is one of the keys.

[02:49:18] CM Yaroslavsky

One more question. So to be optimistic here, once we exceed \$150 million in revenue coming in from this fiscal year, how are we going to prioritize that money past 150?

[02:49:30] Greg Good LAHD

Well, we wouldn't be able to until this council gives us authority. And then, you know, absent the full, you know, the sort of full unlocking of dollars, there will be a replication of the decision-making process that was before this council. And the mayor would tell us, you know, if there was more money, how which expenditure categories it would need to go to. We would also need to develop a plan to go through the CoC and then and then to you all. So until we reach the point where the prescribed percentages are fully in play, then it really is going to be about. S.o.s. this body, the mayor of prioritizing. And I think that that's that's a very open question. We will have to true up those those buckets, you know. So for example, of the 150 million we haven't spent on some of the categories, and in year two, when we get to the next expenditure plan, they're going to have to be essentially made whole. But what they didn't get of the prescriptions, but in the short term past the 150, that would be a policy decision.

[02:50:44] CM Yaroslavsky

Thank you.

[02:50:45] Greg Good LAHD

Thank you.

[02:50:46]

thank you so much. Seeing no other Mr. Soto Martinez.

[02:50:50] CM Soto-Martinez

Thank you so much, Mr. President. First of all, I want to thank the Budget and Finance Committee and the chair for passing this along, and also housing and homelessness chair, Council member Rahman, obviously, to both of you doing the amazing work. I just want to say that I'm really excited about this. You know, we've had over 7000 eviction filings in district 13, which is absolutely heartbreaking. More than and just to put that in perspective, it's if you combine the four lowest eviction filings by district, we have more than four districts combined. And so I think implementing this is absolutely crucial. It's important. It's needed. We know that 60% of folks that become homelessness for the first time is because they can't pay rent, they can't stay in their houses. So we're doing a ton of stuff over the years, and I just feel like this is going to magnify a lot of the work that we're doing and forever right. Voters approved it. The law is on our side. And so I think we're all moving in the right direction. And, you know, just I'll be voting yesterday and onward and as much as we can support we're happy to do it because the residents of district 13, by the way, which 83% of them are renters, you know, depend on this. And so I just want to sort of stress that urgency for, for my colleagues here. And, and just thank you again for all the amazing work that you do. Thank you.

[02:52:14] CM Harris-Dawson

Thank you so much. Members seeing no other members on the queue, we have item 21 before us as amended. Ms. Raman.

[02:52:27] CM Raman

Thank you so much for that detailed presentation. Thank you to my colleagues for your attention and for your questions. I'm really happy that we were able to have this heard in full council, so that everyone around this body could have a chance to engage with what is going to be one of the city's biggest expenditures going forward. It's really, really important and really important because it's addressing our city's biggest challenge, our housing and homelessness crisis. So thank you both for your work. Thank you for the for the entire department's leadership on this. I had initially put in an amendment, and I will be I just want to make sure that the record reflects that. I've struck the first recommendation of that amendment. So it's sorry the second recommendation of the clerk.

[02:53:07] CM Harris-Dawson

I would just make sure that's what's before us?

[02:53:10] CM Raman

Yeah.

[02:53:13] City Attorney

So, Mr. President, I believe that there might be an amendment to the amendment from earlier.

[02:53:17] CM Raman

That's what I that's what I just said. Yeah. Do you want to read the?

[02:53:22] City Attorney

Yes so-.

[02:53:23] CM Raman

Its just one. I had read two recommendations. It's just one recommendation. Correct.

[02:53:28] City Attorney

So for the record, the new amendment reads I move that item number 21 on today's agenda, CF 20 3-0038 be amended to include the following instruction to the LHD report dated October 13th, 2023. Amend recommendation seven to authorize the General Manager of la HD, or designee, to execute an amendment to contract number C, dash 138260 with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. This amendment will increase the contract by \$3,658,596, for a revised contract amount not to exceed 67,235,400 and \$420.20 to conduct a Targeted Tenant Anti Harassment Ordinance. Outreach and education, subject to the contractor's performance, funding, availability and approval of the City Attorney as to form, and this was also read out at the beginning of the meeting with the additional recommendation. That's not going to be voted on.

[02:54:38] Clerk

And for the record, this amended motion is circulated and identified as 21 A.

[02:54:44] CM Harris-Dawson

All right. So that item, as amended, is before US Council Member Rodriguez.

[02:54:53] CM Rodriguez

So I just I wanted to better understand on this contract. So they're the exclusive contract doing the tenant outreach is legal aid. And just if you could remind me, are there guardrails that assure that what is being facilitated will actually result in a quick resolution so that we have protections that we don't have cases that are enduring? Because frankly, you can it just help educate me in terms of the billing and the utilization of these dollars, so that there isn't endless draw on these resources on a singular case. Could you provide some context for me on that?

[02:55:35] Greg Good LAHD

Absolutely, Councilmember, and I'll clarify even the need for the amendment, if you all will indulge. Basically, the Los Angeles legal, the legal LA legal aid LaFleur. We had initially asked they would be essentially the sub contractor for subbing with legal service providers to do these cases. They informed us just a couple of days ago they may not have the capacity just because they're they're like everybody else doing more than they planned. So what we intend to do is ask for the authority to instead do an RFP with legal service providers. These will not be, you know, first of all, whatever the outcomes and recommendations from that RFP will be, councilmember will come back to council. So you'll have an opportunity to to know what the contract the terms are and the recommendations in these kinds of cases. These are not lawyers operating on billable hours. So there's no incentive for them to stretch them out. And in fact, we'll be you know, we will discourage that. But they don't have any incentive there. So I think that's the most natural guardrail. Okay.

[02:56:45] CM Raman

And thank you for that, because I think it's really important to make sure that particularly given the sensitive nature and the timeliness, is that we make sure that we have every protection possible, that to to dis incent any exploitation. That's part of the challenge with these and just being it doesn't matter what agency, whether it's a homeless service agency, a nonprofit, it doesn't matter. The reality is, is that we have the responsibility of protecting the taxpayer dollars and the resources that are allocated to this. I want to make sure that we have guardrails that don't incent, you know, misuse of public funds in any of these contracts, even when they're doing God's work. It's really important that we, you know, close any potential loophole that exploits these resources. So I appreciate that. Thank you, thank you.

[02:57:40] CM Harris-Dawson

Thank you. Any other members? All right. So 20 1AB, as amended is before us. Let's open the roll. Close the roll. Tabulate the vote.

[02:57:54] Clerk 2

12 eyes.

[02:57:56] CM Harris-Dawson

All right. Thank you all so much.

[02:57:59] Greg Good LAHD

Thank you all very much. Have a great day.

[02:58:01] CM Harris-Dawson

What's next?

[02:58:02] Clerk

Mr. president, the council may now vote on item 26.

[02:58:05] CM Harris-Dawson

All right. We have a few recusals on this item for the record. All members, all those members have recused themselves. So item 26 is now before us. Let's open the roll. Close the roll. Tabulate the vote.

[02:58:19] Clerk 2

12 eyes.

[02:58:21] CM Harris-Dawson

All right. What's next, Mr. Soto Martinez?

[02:58:26] CM Soto-Martinez

Mr. president, we'd like to send this item forthwith.

[02:58:28] CM Harris-Dawson

All right. Without objection, that will be the order. What's next?

[02:58:32] Clerk

Council has motions for posting and referral.

[02:58:34] CM Harris-Dawson

They are posted and referred.

[02:58:36] Clerk

The desk is clear, sir.

[02:58:37] CM Price

All right, members, any announcements? Ms..

[02:58:41] CM Yaroslavsky

Jaroslowsky colleagues. Happy Halloween. I want to invite you all and anyone watching at home to our first annual Great Pumpkin Bash at Pan Pacific Park on Sunday, November 5th, which my office is hosting along with the Department of the Board of Public Works. Over a billion pumpkins every single year end up in our landfills, which is not good for climate because it releases a lot of methane. But at the Great Pumpkin Bash, we're going to be smashing, not trashing our pumpkins. We're going to have free food, bounce houses, face painting, composting workshops, gardening workshops, free trees, giveaways, and the Dodgers are going to be there giving away baseball bats. And you can smash your own pumpkin and then compost it. It's going to be a lot of fun. 10 to 2 Pan Pacific Park on Sunday. You can go to Council District five LA city.gov/pumpkin Bash to learn more and I hope to see you all there. Thank you.

[02:59:35] CM Harris-Dawson

Excellent. Thank you so much. Other announcements. All right. That sounds environmentally friendly and therapeutic all at once. I'll ask everyone in the chamber to rise for a journey. Motions. Any adjourning motions to my right and to my left. All right. Seeing none, we are adjourned. Thank you so much, everybody.

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