

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed license agreement with the Los Angeles River Artists and Business Association (LARABA) for the use of the City Hall East and City Hall South walkway areas for the City Hall Farmer's Market on Wednesdays between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm every week.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND, pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter Section 371(e)(10) and Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 10.15(a)(10), that the use of competitive bidding would be undesirable and impractical for this contract:
  - a. LARABA is uniquely qualified to provide specialized services in operating a Certified Farmers Market, held weekly, serving the downtown Civic Center area. With a longstanding history of organizing and managing this market.
  - b. LARABA has developed strong community relationships, a deep understanding of local needs, and the operational infrastructure necessary to ensure its continued success. For these reasons, the use of competitive bidding would be undesirable and impractical for this contract.
2. AUTHORIZE the Department of General Services to negotiate and execute a license agreement with LARABA for a weekly Certified Farmers Market within the City Hall Civic Center areas under the terms and conditions substantially outlined in the April 11, 2025 Municipal Facilities Committee (MFC) report, attached to the Council File.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The MFC reports that there is no General Fund impact as this is a no-cost license agreement. LARABA is responsible for all custodial costs, including weekly pressure washing. Farmers market vendors are responsible for providing their own power sources and removing their own waste for disposal at off-site commercial kitchens.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On May 6, 2025, your Committee considered an April 11, 2025 MFC report relative to proposed license agreement with the LARABA for the use of the South Plaza of City Hall for the City Hall Farmer's Market on Wednesdays between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm every week. According to the MFC, the City Hall Farmers Market was established in 2008 as a community gathering space providing fresh produce and local goods to City employees, visitors, and downtown residents. The market operated weekly on Thursdays in the City Hall Plaza area (between City Hall East and City Hall South). The market was temporarily suspended in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2022, the Department of General Services (GSD) entered into a license agreement (Contract No. C-141853) with LARABA to reopen the market. This agreement expired and is in holdover status. Due to its continued success and increased demand, Council District 14 introduced a Motion (Council File No. 25-0140) seeking to renew the existing license agreement and change the market day from Thursday to Wednesday, which is expected to attract more foot traffic. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the MFC report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Government Operations Committee

**COUNCILMEMBER VOTE**

PADILLA:	YES
LEE:	ABSENT
JURADO:	YES

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