

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2025 10:14 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Save Labor Day centers! Funding to help these centers is necessary for workers seeking resources. Organizations like IDEPSCA are fundamental for low income workers who may not have any other trusting resources. This long running organization and these day centers are protecting these vulnerable communities and even more so in a time of political uncertainties for these communities

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karla Cativo

**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2025 10:26 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am sending this message to urge the City of Los Angeles to save Day Labor Centers in the city! These centers have been crucial for the wellness of local day workers. The centers have helped to provide workers with information about their rights through workshops and other clinics that have served to protect the mental and physical health of day laborers whom are all too often taken advantage of by their employers. Please do NOT take away these incredibly important spaces, as our day laborers and domestic workers are people too who deserve to be protected and supported as much as possible. The city of Los Angeles has served as a safe haven for immigrants for decades, and let's not forget how important they/we are in this city and nation.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Xochitl Sanchez  
**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2025 10:58 AM  
**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Xochitl Sanchez and I am the Statewide Organizing Manager for the California Immigrant Policy Center. I am writing to you all today to plead you to restore funding to all 7 Los Angeles Day Labor Centers. The day labor centers of the city are critical resource hubs for all community members. Not only do they coordinate employment opportunities for jornaleros, they provide shelter, humanitarian aid including food, services and informational workshops to community members most in need. Defunding the Day Labor Centers would have a catastrophic effect to each neighborhood they reside in. Day Labor Centers such as CARECEN's carry out mass distribution of essential materials ranging from food, to clothing, to diapers on site. Those same jornaleros were Frontline workers during the Covid pandemic and most recently during the Eaton Fires. They ran to disaster sites to begin clean up and exposed themselves to ash and chemicals from the rubble of burning buildings. Is this how you repay them? Do the right thing and replenish the funding for the Day Labor Centers now! The local government must stand up to Trump Administration and hold the line against this assault to immigrant communities not defend critical services when we all need them most.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kristy Chan

**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2025 11:22 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** IT IS IMPORTANT THE CITY KNOWS TO NOT CUT FUNDING FOR LABOR CENTERS WHO ARE A RESOURCE TO PROVIDE LOW INCOME WORKERS OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE MONEY TO HELP THEIR FAMILIES AND SELVES CONTINUE LIVING. MAYOR BASS CONTINUES TO SHOW SHE SERVES ONLY THE RICH OF LA AND REFUSES TO SUPPORT THE REST OF ANGELENOS. DO NOT CUT FUNDING FOR RESOURCES THAT WE LOW INCOME TENANTS NEED AND CUT THE POLICE BUDGET

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eva

**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2025 11:24 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to fund the day labor centers, they are essential to our city. Workers need a place for refuge, education and resources and with the current climate, we cannot turn our backs on them. Workers will need to be prepared to help the rebuilding of our communities post wildfires and guidance on how to navigate the current injustice immigrant treatment. Thank you for those that have spoken in support and encourage others to do the same.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Victoria Tran

**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2025 01:08 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to protect the day labor centers from budget cuts. In a time when the federal government and ICE are seeking to attack all immigrants and people of color, the city of LA needs to protect all its workers. Day labor centers provide necessary services to workers who would otherwise not be reached and who contribute an enormous amount to our city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrea Gonzalez

**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2025 01:28 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Day Labor Centers provide representative services to workers who otherwise wouldn't be reached. Mayor Bass and the LA City Council defunding these centers contradicts what this city claims it stands for! How can we claim to be a sanctuary city for immigrants and workers when the spaces where they are seen, heard, validated, and protected are being defunded?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Allegra Padilla

**Date Submitted:** 05/17/2025 12:05 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in support of the Day Laborer centers that serve a vital purpose in our city. I am the head of a nonprofit that offers free concerts at MacArthur Park and we benefit greatly from the support the folks who are part of this community who are day laborers. These centers are vital resource hubs that uplift many who are on the front lines daily. Save the centers now ensuring their existence is part of truly being a sanctuary city.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Public Bank LA Coalition

**Date Submitted:** 05/19/2025 04:01 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Community Impact Statements from Neighborhood Councils supporting the public bank feasibility study funding: Voices Neighborhood Council – Submitted May 16, 2025 Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council – Submitted May 8, 2025 Los Feliz Neighborhood Council – Submitted May 7, 2025

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May 16, 2025

***Council File:*** [25-0600](#) Los Angeles Public Bank to upload to Budget Council File

RE: Fund the Los Angeles Public Bank Plan

Dear Los Angeles City Council Members,

On behalf of the VoicesNeighborhood Council, we strongly support funding for Los Angeles Public Bank feasibility study ([25-0600](#)). With our city facing wildfires, unaffordable housing, and crumbling infrastructure, redirecting public funds from the [\\$1.4 billion we currently pay to private banks annually](#) is critical. That money can rebuild neighborhoods, strengthen disaster resilience, and support local small businesses.

The Los Angeles Public Bank, a nonprofit, city-owned institution, will reinvest local dollars into affordable housing, modern infrastructure, and small business development. Its primary goal is to keep funds within our local communities by providing low-cost loans for projects that benefit our neighborhoods, rather than redirecting public funds to prioritize the interests of private commercial banks. It will prioritize equity and ensure that profits benefit Angelenos rather than shareholders.

Public banks are governed by an independent Board of Directors, run by experienced bankers and financial experts. This structure ensures transparency and accountability in decision-making, as the board operates autonomously from political influences. LA's public bankers will make investment and lending decisions based on the mission and mandates set by the City and stakeholders to meet the needs of LA projects.

We applaud the City Council unanimously approving a feasibility study for the public bank in June 2023 and in [May 2024](#). Now, we urge you to take the next crucial step: allocate the \$460K needed to fund the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the City's consultants to begin developing the bank's feasibility study and business plan. This modest investment will save millions in the short term and lay the foundation for a resilient financial infrastructure before the next crisis

strikes.

The Los Angeles public bank offers many advantages including:

1. Saving money. LA currently spends over \$1 billion a year in fees to Wall Street. A public bank would significantly cut borrowing costs and put those savings back into local projects, ensuring every public dollar benefits our community instead of lining private pockets.
2. Community development. When funds stay local, they work harder for us. Deposits in a public bank create local loans that boost affordable housing, improve infrastructure, and support small businesses, all vital for building stronger neighborhoods.
3. Ethical investment. A public bank is more than just a bank; it's a long-term, community-rooted source of capital that targets the structural inequalities affecting generations. It's about investing in initiatives that genuinely uplift LA residents and local businesses.
4. Democracy and transparency. A public bank puts financial control in the hands of Angelenos. It gives our community a real say in where our money goes, ensuring investments reflect our shared values and priorities instead of private profit.

We respectfully request that the City Council consider our Community Impact Statement in support of funding the Public Bank Feasibility Study .

Thank you for standing with our communities as we work to build a Los Angeles where every dollar truly serves its people.

Sincerely,

The Voices Neighborhood Council



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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 19-1235

1 message

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Reply-To: LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>  
To: Clerk.CIS@lacity.org, darren@therosegrp.com

Thu, May 8, 2025 at 12:03 PM

A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enabled by the Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or resolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

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### Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Historic Highland Park

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(1) Abstain(2) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/01/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 05/08/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 19-1235

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date: 06/20/2025

Item Number:

Summary: The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council (HHPNC), representing over 60,000 stakeholders in Highland Park and Garvanza, strongly supports the creation of a Los Angeles Public Bank (Council File: 19-1235). With the city facing urgent challenges—such as wildfires, a housing crisis, and aging infrastructure—the Council urges redirecting the \$1.4 billion Los Angeles currently pays annually to private banks toward reinvestment in local communities. A public bank would be a nonprofit, city-owned institution designed to keep public funds circulating locally. It would offer low-cost loans to support affordable housing, small businesses, and infrastructure upgrades—building long-term

economic resilience while prioritizing equity and community benefit over profit. Public banks are governed by independent boards of financial experts, ensuring transparency and protection from political interference. Investment decisions would align with community needs and values. While this effort requires an upfront cost, the potential savings for future city budgets would be substantial—cutting borrowing costs, eliminating Wall Street fees, and reinvesting earnings back into local priorities. The Council commends the City for unanimously approving a public bank feasibility study in 2023 and again in 2024. They now call on the Council to allocate \$460,000 to fund a Request for Proposals (RFP) to begin development of the bank's full business plan. This is a modest but crucial investment in a more ethical, equitable, and resilient financial future for Los Angeles.



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# HISTORIC HIGHLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

May 05, 2025

RE: Fund the Los Angeles Public Bank Plan

Dear Los Angeles City Council Members,

On behalf of the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council, representing over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in the neighborhoods of Highland Park and Garvanza, we strongly support the establishment of the Los Angeles Public Bank ([Council File: 19-1235](#)). With our city facing wildfires, unaffordable housing, and crumbling infrastructure, redirecting public funds from the [\\$1.4 billion we currently pay to private banks annually](#) is critical. That money can rebuild neighborhoods, strengthen disaster resilience, and support local small businesses.

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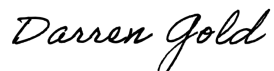
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We respectfully request that the City Council consider our Community Impact Statement in support of the Los Angeles Public Bank.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darren Gold". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Darren" and last name "Gold" clearly distinguishable.

Darren Gold  
President  
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council





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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 19-1235

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Wed, May 7, 2025 at 7:36 PM

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 03/18/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 05/08/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

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Summary: The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council (LFNC), representing over 300 small businesses, strongly supports the creation of the Los Angeles Public Bank (Council File: 19-1235). As a neighborhood known for its small business community, we recognize that access to affordable capital is one of the most pressing challenges facing local entrepreneurs. Redirecting a portion of the \$1.4 billion the City currently spends on private banks each year into a community-centered, city-owned public bank will provide much needed financial support to businesses in Los Feliz and beyond. The small businesses in our neighborhood—ranging from cafes and restaurants to shops and service providers—are the foundation of Los Feliz. Many of these businesses struggle to access affordable financing from traditional



private banks, often burdened by high interest rates and limited loan options. A Los Angeles Public Bank would address these challenges by providing low-cost loans specifically for local businesses, allowing them to expand, modernize, and thrive. This would not only support individual entrepreneurs but also help create a more resilient and sustainable local economy. The establishment of a public bank would also benefit the broader Los Feliz community. As these small businesses grow, they create jobs, contribute to the local economy, and provide valuable services to residents and visitors alike. The bank would allow these businesses to stay competitive and adapt to changing market conditions, ensuring that Los Feliz remains a vibrant and attractive place for both entrepreneurs and customers....Now, more than ever, as small businesses across Los Angeles continue to recover not only from the economic impacts of the pandemic but also the devastating wildfires that have ravaged our city, we believe this is the moment to make bold investments in our local economies. By supporting the creation of the Los Angeles Public Bank, we are laying the foundation for a stronger, more resilient Los Angeles.

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## - COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [19-1235](#)

Title: Los Angeles Public Bank / Request for Proposals (RFP) Funding / Feasibility Study and Business Plan.

Position: Support

Summary:

The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council (LFNC), representing over 300 small businesses, strongly supports the creation of the Los Angeles Public Bank (Council File: 19-1235). As a neighborhood known for its small business community, we recognize that access to affordable capital is one of the most pressing challenges facing local entrepreneurs. Redirecting a portion of the \$1.4 billion the City currently spends on private banks each year into a community-centered, city-owned public bank will provide much needed financial support to businesses in Los Feliz and beyond.

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The establishment of a public bank would also benefit the broader Los Feliz community. As these small businesses grow, they create jobs, contribute to the local economy, and provide valuable services to residents and visitors alike. The bank would allow these businesses to stay competitive and adapt to changing market conditions, ensuring that Los Feliz remains a vibrant and attractive place for both entrepreneurs and customers. Moreover, by keeping financial resources within the city, the public bank would reinvest in the very neighborhoods it serves, rather than funneling funds out of the community to private, for-profit institutions.

We also appreciate the City Council's previous work in approving the feasibility study for the public bank in 2023 and 2024. Now, we urge you to approve the allocation of \$460K to fund the Request for Proposals (RFP), an essential next step in developing the business plan and securing the bank's long-term viability. This investment will help establish a financial institution that prioritizes equity, sustainability, and community development—key values that align with the needs of small businesses in Los Feliz.

Now, more than ever, as small businesses across Los Angeles continue to recover not only from the economic impacts of the pandemic but also the devastating wildfires that have ravaged our city, we believe this is the moment to make bold investments in our local economies. By supporting the creation of the Los Angeles Public Bank, we are laying the foundation for a stronger, more resilient Los Angeles—one where our small businesses have the tools and resources they need to not just survive, but thrive.

We strongly urge the City Council to move forward with the necessary funding to make the Los Angeles Public Bank a reality and provide vital support for businesses throughout the city, helping them rebuild and grow as part of a sustainable, equitable future.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

**PASSED 15 - 0 - 0**

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexander Wenderoff

**Date Submitted:** 05/19/2025 07:53 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The streetlight issue is out of control. My whole neighborhood has been pitch black at night for four months now. Replacing the copper wires that get stripped with more copper wires that get stripped is not a solution. We live in a city with 300+ days of sunshine a year. Can we look into solar powered lights? My neighborhood feels very unsafe at night.