

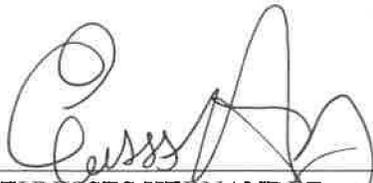
MOTION

With the development of technology and online resources, various cities, such as Sacramento, California; Bellevue, Washington; and Oakland, California, among others across the country have made progress to modernize their quantitative assessments and online data visualization tools for their budget.

For example, Sacramento recently launched their pilot Budget Equity Resource Guide and Tool (BERG/T), a curated tool that evaluates the impacts of budget decisions on programs and services through a racial equity lens. This tool helps the Sacramento City Council and various departments understand the implications or unintended consequences of budget decisions and resource allocations for underserved groups and neighborhoods. In addition, Bellevue conducts a community and business survey during its biennial budget process to gather residents' budget priorities and levels of satisfaction with City Services. The results are then translated into a report and an interactive tool with data visualizations. This approach provides a detailed view of community priorities, enabling the public to utilize quantitative data to advocate for services and guiding elected officials in their decision-making process. Similarly, Oakland conducts a statistical analysis that assesses the public's budgetary concerns and needs. These data collected from the surveys are turned into reports, broken down by Council Districts, for the Oakland City Council and Mayor to use during the budgeting process. Collectively, these tools and assessments have proven to be vital for a transparent and evidence-based approach that supports community advocacy and informed decision-making by elected officials.

Over the past years, the City of Los Angeles has utilized the City Administrative Officer's (CAO) website and the Council File Management System to collect various budget documents, including reports, letters, virtual public comment submissions, and Community Impact Statements. While these platforms have been instrumental in the budget process, the current tools and practices fall short in leveraging modern advancements to integrate other budget tools or facilitate meaningful assessments of public priorities. By integrating online budget tools and data assessments, the City can significantly enhance its ability to capture data and respond to community needs.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD), Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department (CHRED), Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), the Controller, City Clerk, and any relevant Departments, to report within 90 days on all existing City online budget engagement tools, including but not limited to, databases, surveys, training, websites, presentations, and methods for collecting public input, and provide a plan with recommendations to modernize the City's digital platforms and integrate community surveys, data collection strategies, data visualization, and online tools for the budget.

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