

MOTION

Measure United to House LA (ULA) was drafted by homeless service providers, affordable housing nonprofits, labor unions, and renters' rights groups to provide long-term funding to increase affordable housing in Los Angeles and to provide resources to tenants at risk of homelessness, passing with 58% voter approval. Through the ULA Interim Guidelines, five interim programs have been approved to disburse \$30.4M in Short-Term Emergency Rental Assistance, \$56.8M towards the Accelerator Plus program which will generate up to 700 new affordable housing units, \$23M towards eviction defense and prevention and \$11M toward protections from tenant harassment. All but \$11M (currently allocated to a still-developing Income Support for At-Risk, Rent-Burdened Senior and Persons with Disabilities program), of the \$150M have been programmed and will be expended by the end of Fiscal Year 23-24.

As of September 30, 2023, the total ULA revenues collected since April 1, 2023 is \$ 99.7 million. It is anticipated revenues from the United to House Los Angeles Documentary Transfer Tax will exceed the \$150 million budgeted for fiscal year 2023-24, and further collaboration and input is needed from the ULA Citizen Oversight Committee (COC) to advise the City with recommendations on additional revenues collected for future spending and the Los Angeles Housing Department is directed to consult with community-based organizations, advocacy groups and experts in the field, including the authors of the ballot measure (CF 23-0038). With appeals likely rulings in favor of the City in both state and federal court, and with a measure on the November 2024 ballot that would potentially invalidate ULA, how prospective ULA revenues are collected and spent should be intentional to ensure maximum flexibility while minimizing the risk.

I THEREFORE MOVE to instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the assistance of the Los Angeles Housing Department, to report back within 60 days with recommendations on ULA revenues collected above the \$150 million approved in the Fiscal Year 23-24 budget and how revenues can be disbursed in a manner consistent with the ULA Ordinance and City financial policies.

I FURTHER MOVE to request the ULA COC, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Housing Department, to provide recommendations for program allocations above \$150 million for Fiscal Year 2023-24 and for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

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