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Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky
Budget, Finance, and Innovation Committee Chair
200 N. Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Fiscal Year 2025-26 Mayor's Proposed Budget [Council File No.: 25-0600]

Dear Councilmember Yaroslavsky,

We respectfully urge the reinstatement of key positions slated for elimination in the Bureau of Contract Administration (BCA) budget. These positions are essential to BCA's core responsibilities, including contract compliance and wage enforcement—functions that directly support the City's commitment to fair labor standards and contracting opportunities.

We propose restoring 30 positions—27 filled and 3 vacant—at a total cost of \$2,499,909. To offset this cost without additional impact to the General Fund, we support and echo BCA's own recommendations, including:

- Eliminating 2 positions currently funded by a General Fund–subsidized special fund;
- Shifting 12 inspection and compliance staff from the General Fund to special funds; and
- Reducing hiring hall allocations and contractual services.

At a time when working families across Los Angeles are relying more than ever on strong wage protections and equitable labor practices, the need for a robust and well-resourced enforcement office is not just important; it is essential. The proposed elimination of 13 filled and 7 vacant

positions in wage enforcement represents collectively 48% of BCA's staffing for labor standards—posing a significant risk to the City's ability to serve its most vulnerable workers.

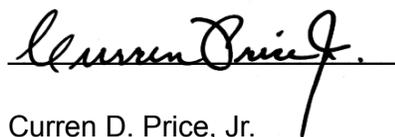
The impact is especially severe for Citywide Minimum Wage investigations where 13 out of 20 positions, or 65% of the investigation team, are being proposed for elimination. Such a drastic reduction would critically impair BCA's ability to accept and resolve wage theft complaints.

If enacted, the City could be forced to turn away cases altogether, and workers may face delays of three to four years before their claims are addressed. These delays would send a troubling signal to workers and employers about Los Angeles's commitment to fair labor enforcement.

Furthermore, these cuts would significantly weaken Los Angeles's ability to take on new enforcement responsibilities, including the Citywide Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance. Eliminating this critical staffing would undermine effective implementation, reduce protections for hotel workers, and limit the City's capacity to hold employers accountable under the new law.

We urge this committee to adopt these recommendations to ensure that the City continues to invest in our ability to enforce labor standards and defend the rights of working Angelenos.

Sincerely,



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