

Communication from Public

Name: Faith Elizabeth E Saunders

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Council File No: 24-0500-S3

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Faith E Saunders Executive Director for Hoover Intergenerational Care commenting Regarding the reprogramming of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds allocated for Hoover Intergenerational Care, we propose that these funds remain designated for the continued construction of the facility. Hoover Intergenerational Care is a California State Preschool operating within a building owned by the city of Los Angeles. The imminent construction of this preschool is vital for providing high-quality care to low-income and eligible families within Los Angeles. Currently, the children are housed in a building constructed in 1976, which requires significant upgrades to provide a quality preschool environment conducive to delivering exceptional education. With the allocated grant funds, this construction is projected for completion by June 2026. These funds are essential for upgrading the center and ensuring that families of low-income students have access to a superior educational experience. It is important to emphasize that educational facilities should be designed equitably to foster diversity, inclusion, and a sense of belonging for all learners. Several key principles underscore this necessity: educational environments should support the holistic development of all students, mirroring the diversity of society; inclusive design is crucial to accommodate all students, irrespective of abilities, ensuring their full participation in the learning process; educational equity must be prioritized to guarantee that all students receive the resources necessary for positive outcomes; and schools should adhere to accessibility standards, employing approaches like Universal Design to create inclusive spaces. Furthermore, architects should design facilities that ensure equal access for all students, including those with disabilities. Adherence to these principles will cultivate environments that effectively promote learning and development for every student.

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Name: Paul Hennessy

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Comments for Public Posting: Do not reprogram the \$13 million in unspent federal CARES act for non-COVID things. COVID and Long COVID are still a major issue being erased at the federal level and LA needs to lead with a health-first approach. We need incentives for businesses to upgrade HVAC systems to ASHRAE 241 or better, we need air purifiers in businesses and medical centers and schools. We need PCR testing. Stop repurposing these funds or you're no better than RFK's anti-science HHS. And we need a \$6 million line item for Long Covid in the mayor's budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Paula Marks

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Comments for Public Posting: The Civil Rights, Equity, Immigration, Aging, and Disability Committee should recommend that the City Council do the following: • Direct the City Administrative Officer, in coordination with CIFD and relevant departments, to include funding for a cross-departmental Long COVID Response in the next Substantial Amendment to the City’s HUD CDBG and CDBG-CV Action Plan; • Apply no less than \$6 million of the available \$13,151,964.14 in reprogrammable CDBG and CDBG-CV funds to implement Long COVID case management, outreach, navigation, and support infrastructure; • Restore the \$1.075 million proposed cut to the Department on Disability and allocate a dedicated Long COVID Response line-item in the FY 2025–26 City Budget; • Ensure that Long COVID is recognized as a civil rights and disability equity priority in all City pandemic recovery initiatives moving forward.