

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to renewal of license agreement with Little Italy of Los Angeles Association (LILAA) for the use of the City-owned public plaza located adjacent to San Pedro City Hall, located at 603 South Harbor Boulevard.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND, pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter Section 371(e)(10) and Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 10.15(a)(10), that the use of competitive bidding would be undesirable and impractical for this contract and that the LILAA is uniquely positioned to provide cultural programming, community engagement, and activation for the City-owned Fontana del Pescatore Plaza located in San Pedro and that:
  - a. As the recognized steward, the LILAA has deep-rooted connections with the local Italian-American community, established partnerships, and expertise in curating authentic programming that preserves and promotes the historical and cultural significance of the plaza.
  - b. Given its specialized experience, longstanding commitment, and ability to leverage community resources, the LILAA is the most qualified and cost-effective organization to oversee programming, ensuring the successful activation and enhancement of this public space.
2. AUTHORIZE the Department of General Services to negotiate and execute a license renewal with the LILAA for the use of the City-owned plaza at 603 South Harbor Boulevard, San Pedro, CA 90028 under the terms and conditions substantially outlined in the April 1, 2025 Municipal Facilities Committee (MFC) report, attached to the Council File.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The MFC reports that there is no General Fund impact as this is a no-cost license agreement. The LILAA is responsible for tenant improvements, maintenance, custodial, and security costs for events. The City will cover water and electricity costs for the plaza.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE – JUNE 2, 2025**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – MAY 30, 2025)**

Summary:

On April 23, 2025, your Committee considered an April 1, 2025 MFC report relative to renewal of license agreement with the LILAA for the use of the City-owned public plaza

located adjacent to San Pedro City Hall, located at 603 South Harbor Boulevard. According to the MFC, in 2019, the City entered into a five-year license agreement (Contract No. C-134329) with the LILAA to revitalize the underutilized Pepper Tree Plaza in front of the San Pedro City Hall, located at South Harbor Boulevard and West 6th Street. Supported by CD15, this initiative aims to transform the space into Piazza Miramare, a vibrant cultural hub celebrating Italian heritage.

The \$6 million redevelopment is funded through multiple sources, including CD15's Real Property Trust Fund, with the LILAA securing additional financial commitments through community stakeholders. The LILAA continues to actively fundraise, offering sponsorship opportunities such as engraved floor bricks and tiles on the Fontana del Pescatore (Fisherman's Fountain). Scheduled for completion in the Fourth Quarter of 2025, the redesigned plaza will feature terraced seating, a trellis for shade, and a central fountain, creating a functional and engaging public space for events and gatherings. The proposed license agreement will authorize the LILAA to manage, improve, and activate the site, ensuring its role as a cornerstone of cultural enrichment and economic revitalization in San Pedro. This collaboration highlights CD15's dedication to fostering cultural enrichment and driving economic revitalization in the community. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the MFC report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Government Operations Committee

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
PADILLA:	YES
LEE:	YES
JURADO:	ABSENT

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