

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance amending Chapter 62 of Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code regarding the Ernani Bernardi Scholarship Trust Fund, a scholarship fund to finance the educational costs for eligible students who attend higher education institutions.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Sections 5.439.5 through Section 5.439.7 of Chapter 62 of Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code are amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 5.439.5. Nomination of Scholarship Candidates.**

Eligible higher education institutions are defined as all colleges and universities that have been recognized by the United States Department of Education as higher education institutions. Enrolled students who reside within the Geographical Boundaries defined in Section 5.439.4 of this Chapter and who are attending any higher education institution shall be eligible for scholarships from the Fund. To be eligible for consideration for a scholarship, all nominees shall also meet their higher education institution's guidelines for scholarship and financial assistance. Selection of the recipients for scholarship awards shall be made by the awards panel.

**Sec. 5.439.6. Awards Panel.**

The awards panel shall consist of seven (7) members from the local community, including local business leaders, community leaders, and educators who shall be selected by the Office of Council District 7. The awards panel shall be responsible for administering the selection of eligible participants and recommending recipients for scholarships to the Councilmember representing the Office of Council District 7. The Office of Council District 7 shall provide scholarship selection criterion recommendations to the awards panel, in addition to providing logistical and administrative support.

Any awards panel constituted pursuant to Ordinance No. 181,866 shall be deemed dissolved upon the establishment of the awards panel described in this section.

**Sec. 5.439.7. Disbursement of the Funds.**

All monies held in the Fund shall be disbursed pursuant to Section 5.439.6 and approved by City Council. Awards shall be disbursed by the Office of the Controller to the respective higher education institution for the credit of or payment to the awardees, subject to the submission of any requested documentation.

Sec. 2. A new Section 5.439.8 is added to Chapter 62 of Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to read as follows:

**Sec. 5.439.8. Closing of the Fund**

Upon the complete disbursement of the monies held in the Fund pursuant to Section 5.439.7, the awards panel shall dissolve and the Fund shall be closed by the Office of the Clerk or such other relevant office or department. This chapter shall remain in effect until 6 months after the closure of the Fund, and as of that date is repealed.

Sec. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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By   
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Date 6/11/24

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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Ordinance Passed \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_