

HOUSING

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There are more than 9300 units of public housing in Los Angeles, managed by the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA). Residents routinely complain about inadequate maintenance, poor conditions, and underinvestment in vital services that benefit residents. They have demanded transparency in how public dollars are spent on public housing, and insist on a greater voice in making those decisions.

HACLA's funds come from five main sources: the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) annual operating subsidy, HUD's annual Capital Fund, Section 8 administrative fees, rent from public housing residents, plus other programs and capital grants from various sources. HACLA receives approximately \$30M a year from HUD to fund "public housing residential services" at all of their sites, citywide. Some residents argue that the entirety of those funds should be spent on physical improvements, from routine maintenance and repair to decarbonization and resiliency, while many others advocate for programs that provide education, job training, recreational services, language services, transportation services, and programs to help bridge the digital divide.

It is imperative that HACLA provide greater transparency on its spending and its funding decisions, and is essential that residents drive the decisions about how such funds are spent.

I THEREFORE MOVE that that the Los Angeles City Council request that the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) report to the Council with the following information:

- A summary of funds it has received from HUD and other sources for the past five years, indicating which funds are eligible to be spent on resident services, and what restrictions come with those funds.
- A breakdown of how funds eligible for resident services have been spent for the past 5 years, and at which facilities they have been spent.
- What criteria is used to determine how and where to spend resident service dollars, including whether funds are distributed according to population, geography, or any other factors.
- The methodology for selecting and approving funding for programs and services.
- A description of how HACLA incorporates the views of residents and Resident Advisory Councils (RAC) into its funding decisions.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles City Council invite the Resident Advisory Councils to submit a report to the council, outlining resident perspectives on HACLA budgeting practices, resident engagement, and programming priorities.

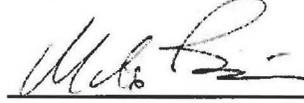
I FURTHER MOVE that that the Los Angeles City Council request that the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) create a participatory budget process for its Resident Advisory

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Councils, and annually share with the City Council a summary of Resident Advisory Council budget priorities and a report on how they are being funded.

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