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***Principles and Framework for Economic Recovery and the Future of Los Angeles***

The COVID-19 pandemic will forever change the fabric of Los Angeles. Decades from now, the impact on children, families and neighborhoods will still be felt, but we have an opportunity to use what we have learned to build communities back better, to strategically target resources to build a more just and vibrant city.

Many neighborhoods in Los Angeles have experienced a disproportionate share of death in this past year. Black, Latinx, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and low-income populations have been the hardest hit for both cases and deaths in Los Angeles County. In January, the COVID-19 death rate among Latinos in L.A. County was three times worse than the rate for white residents. On the job front, according to the Center for American Progress, women have been hardest hit with four times as many women as men dropping out of the labor force. Children, besides facing housing and food insecurity in greater numbers, are struggling with the need for expanded academic support.

The work to disrupt the disproportionate impact on vulnerable communities is urgent and necessary. Nationally, women lost to the workforce represent billions in lost wages and economic activity. The wealth gap faced by Black, Brown, and disadvantaged communities is costing the U.S. economy \$1 trillion in lost consumption and investment. Our regional economy will not fully recover if we do not strategically bring back women, people of color and young people into the workforce and reverse the effects of decades of neglect.

To meet the moment and respond to the pandemic in bold ways, the City Council created the Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment and reprioritized to focus on those most in need. As a result, tremendous leadership was shown by the Council in meeting the needs of Angelenos in areas of rent relief, utility relief, child care, small business support, and vaccine equity for underserved communities.

However, the obligation is not just to get through the pandemic, but instead, chart a path forward for all communities. As such, residents, community groups, and local organizations have shared their thoughts on ways to build a more just and vibrant future for Los Angeles, including proposals from groups such as the Making Los Angeles Whole Coalition. With additional assistance from the federal government, particularly the American Rescue Plan, Los Angeles can continue to build on the momentum of COVID-19 crisis response to further transform our City into one that addresses the stark




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inequalities that existed long before the pandemic and have been exacerbated by the economic impact of the pandemic. The Council can and should further contemplate the use of American Rescue Plan resources and other opportunities to ensure women, families, children, and underserved communities are the focus of the City's recovery effort.

I THEREFORE MOVE that as Los Angeles transitions from COVID-19 response to COVID-19 recovery, the Council include in its consideration and development of strategic efforts and other long term opportunities, critical priorities such as:

- Focusing on children and families, including supporting moms with child care and family care
- Supporting women entrepreneurs and woman led organizations
- Opportunities for youth employment
- Continuing efforts related to Universal Basic Income
- Continuing efforts in addressing community safety
- Addressing housing security and homelessness prevention, including eviction defense and affordable housing
- Securing the City's Financial Health and Restoring City Services
- Maximizing and leveraging County, State, and Federal Resources to address inequities in the City's recovery from the pandemic.

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