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The Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) has a long-established track record of green waste collection and processing programs as well as a backyard composting program to divert organics from landfills. LASAN is now establishing programs to further divert food waste from landfills and utilize all organic materials to regenerate our City's soils. Mayor Garcetti's 2019 Sustainable City pLAn, *LAs Green New Deal*, aims to divert 100 percent of organic materials by 2028. To meet these goals the City intends to establish 1) citywide food waste collection programs, 2) food waste drop-off sites at farmers markets across the City, and 3) develop healthy soil strategies and initiatives to enhance our communities and public spaces.

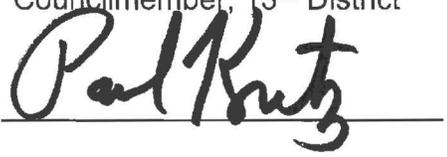
LASAN, in collaboration with LACompost and Kiss the Ground, will be establishing a Farmers Market Food Waste Drop-off and Community Composting Program (Project) to collect food waste at various locations throughout the City. Residents will benefit from a more environmentally sustainable, healthier, and cleaner urban environment. In addition, the Recreation and Parks Department's (RAP) park maintenance staff will be trained and educated on organic regenerative land management practices, specifically on the production and application of compost to replace fertilizers.

On July 16, 2021, a grant opportunity was available to LASAN through United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS), entitled "Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction (CCFWR) Pilot Project." The reimbursable grant will fund \$85,800, which is approximately 46 percent of the Project's \$184,521 estimated costs. The Los Angeles Administrative Code, Division 14, Grants Program, Section 14.6(b), requires City departments to obtain Mayor and City Council approval prior to accepting and receiving grant funds.

On September 2, 2021, LASAN was selected for this grant award under Federal Award Identifying Number (FAIN- NR213A750001C022). The USDA-NRCS informed LASAN the effective dates for this project will be from September 29, 2021 through September 28, 2023 and that the approval for the Project's award needs to be in place by September 29, 2021 or the funds go back to the U.S. Treasury.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the City Council, authorize the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation, or designee, to negotiate, accept, execute, and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, agreements, amendments, and payment requests etc., subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, which may be necessary to secure the grant awarded by the USDA - Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction Pilot Project (NR213A750001C022).

PRESENTED BY: 
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