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Honorable Members of the City Council City Hall, Room 395 200 North Spring Street Los Angeles, California 90012 Council Districts 14

#### **REGARDING:**

THE HISTORIC CORE (PROPERTY BASED) BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT'S 2022 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL PLANNING REPORT

#### Honorable Members:

The Office of the City Clerk has received the Annual Planning Report for the Historic Core Business Improvement District's ("District") 2022 fiscal year (CF 18-0429). The owners' association of the District has caused to be prepared the Annual Planning Report for City Council's consideration. In accordance with the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994, California Streets and Highways Code Section 36650, an Annual Planning Report for the District must be submitted for approval by the City Council. The Historic Core Business Improvement District's Annual Planning Report for the 2022 fiscal year is presented with this transmittal for City Council's consideration as "Attachment 1."

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Historic Core Business Improvement District was established on August 10, 2018 by and through the City Council's adoption of Ordinance No. 185684 which confirmed the assessments to be levied upon properties within the District, as described in the District's Management District Plan. The Council established the District pursuant to State Law.

# ANNUAL PLANNING REPORT REQUIREMENTS

The State Law requires that the District's owners' association shall cause to be prepared, for City Council's consideration, an Annual Planning Report for each fiscal year for which assessments are to be levied and collected to pay for the costs of the planned District improvements and activities. The Annual Planning Report shall be filed with the City Clerk and shall refer to the district by name, specify the fiscal year to which the report applies, and, with respect to that fiscal year, shall contain all of the following: any proposed changes in the boundaries of the district or in any benefit zones within the district; the improvements and

activities to be provided for that fiscal year; an estimate of the cost of providing the improvements and activities for that fiscal year; the method and basis of levying the assessment in sufficient detail to allow each real property owner to estimate the amount of the assessment to be levied against his or her property for that fiscal year; the amount of any surplus or deficit revenues to be carried over from a previous fiscal year; and the amount of an contributions to be made from sources other than assessments levied.

The attached Annual Planning Report, which was approved by the District's Board at their meeting on November 17, 2021, complies with the requirements of the State Law and reports that programs will continue, as outlined in the Management District Plan adopted by the District property owners. The City Council may approve the Annual Planning Report as filed by the District's owners' association or may modify any particulars contained in the Annual Planning Report, in accordance with State Law, and approve it as modified.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund associated with this action.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the City Council:

- 1. FIND that the attached Annual Planning Report for the Historic Core Business Improvement District's 2022 fiscal year complies with the requirements of the State Law
- 2. FIND that the increase in the 2022 budget concurs with the intentions of the Historic Core Business Improvement District's Management District Plan and does not adversely impact the benefits received by assessed property owners.
- 3. ADOPT the attached Annual Planning Report for the Historic Core Business Improvement District's 2022 fiscal year, pursuant to the State Law.

Sincerely,

Holly L. Wolcott

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City Clerk

Attachment:

Historic Core Business Improvement District's 2022 Fiscal Year Annual Planning Report

December 21, 2021

Holly L. Wolcott, City Clerk Office of the City Clerk 200 North Spring Street, Room 395 Los Angeles, CA. 90012

Subject: Historic Core PBID 2022 Annual Planning Report

Dear Ms. Wolcott:

As required by the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994, California Streets and Highways Code Section 36650, the Board of Directors of the Historic Core Business Improvement District has caused this Historic Core Business Improvement District Annual Planning Report to be prepared at its meeting on November 17, 2021.

This report covers proposed activities of the Historic Core BID from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Sincerely,

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Historic Downtown LA BID Prop Owners Assn

# Historic Core Business Improvement District

2022 Annual Planning Report

#### **District Name**

This report is for the Historic Core Business Improvement District (District). The District is operated by Historic Core Business Improvement District Property Owners Association, Inc., a California non-profit corporation.

## Fiscal Year of Report

The report applies to the 2022 Fiscal Year. The District Board of Directors approved the 2022 Annual Planning Report at the November 17, 2021 Board of Director's meeting.

#### **Boundaries**

There are no changes to the District boundaries for 2022.

#### **Benefit Zones**

There are no changes to the District's benefit zone(s) for 2022.

#### 2022 IMPROVEMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

# Clean & Safe Programs: \$2,275,598.28 (74.66%)

Clean encompasses all sidewalk, curb and other right-of-way services for each assessed parcel in the District and includes: sweeping, litter removal, enhanced emptying of trash cans, pressure washing/steam cleaning, graffiti/flyer/sticker/gum removal, tree trimming and weeding. Clean also includes the cost of equipment necessary to provide these services. Clean may also include property owner notification of conditions on private property that are unsafe or unfavorable to creating and preserving a clean and safe environment in the District (e.g. broken window/gate, vandalism, accumulated debris/garbage, etc.) Clean may also include notification to the City or other entities as appropriate (e.g. utilities) of any damage to public infrastruture or utilities.

Safe encompasses all patrol/ambassadorial services for each assessed parcel in the District and includes: personnel on foot, bike, or other vehicles (e.g. Segways, trucks, etc.), ambassadors (specially trained personnel able to provide directions, transit information, business information, event information, social service referrals, etc.), on-call assistance, crowd control, crime prevention activities (e.g. Neighbohood Watch), escort services and distribution of special bulletins (e.g. street closures, emergency alerts.) Safe also includes the cost of equipment necessary to provide these services.

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We have additional needs due to encampments, a lack of sanitation services for unsheltered persons, and COVID - 19. In 2021, we were continually challenged to spend all budgeted labor in clean due limitations imposed by Covid-19, availability of other companies' services in a timely manner, and supply chain/ordering delays until next year. We received a MITRE grant for a street legal golf cart to serve the community via a 311 type app - which is in beta testing through the end of 2021. We also hired supplemental security to augment services from our current vendor, who has been unable to keep us fully staffed. We plan to keep this vendor/an additional vendor for security services through most of next year.

#### Administration & Corporate Operations: \$508,162.89 (16.67%)

Administration & Corporate Operations includes activities such as: personnel, operations, overhead costs such as office equipment and supplies, professional services (e.g. legal, accounting, insurance), production of the Annual Planning Report and Budget and quarterly reports, facilitation of meetings of the Owners' Association, Brown Act compliance, outreach to District property and business owners, and participation in professional peer/best practice forums such as the LA BID Consortium, the California Downtown Association or the International Downtown Association. It also covers the costs associated with District renewal, as well as City and/or County fees associated with their oversight and implementation of the District, the Owners' Association's compliance with the terms of its contract with the City, and the implementation of the Management District Plan and the Engineer's Report. Lastly, it includes reserve funds to cover any contingencies and/or slow pay/late pay of assessments.

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Toward the end of 2021, we hired a consultant for IT support. We plan to retain that consultant throughout 2022.

# **Communications & Development: \$264,064.00 (8.66%)**

Communications & Development includes activities designed to enhance the attractiveness and marketability of these identified assessed parcels through the following activities: production of a quarterly (minimum frequency) newsletter that shall be distributed to property owners in the District, efforts to cultivate and recognize the satisfaction, retention and attraction of businesses, employees and customers/visitors, advertising, response to media inquiries, cultivation of media exposure, and promotion of the District as a great place to live, work or visit through a website and/or social media. To the extent that funds are available, it could also include additional efforts such as a District-wide marketing strategy, holiday lighting, street banners, wayfinding activites, art installation or development of special events (e.g. festival) or other community identity and branding efforts that promote the assessed parcels in the District.

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We will continue allocating funds for COVID - 19 programs, updates, and small business attention/support. We have planned for tree trimming, holiday decorations and map

production in 2022. We are also adding trash can signage and astro turf in tree wells for dog relief areas - to mitigate urine damage to light poles and trash cans.

#### **Total Estimate of Cost for 2022**

A breakdown of the total estimated 2022 budget is attached to this report as **Appendix A.** 

## **Method and Basis of Levying the Assessment**

The Method and Basis for levying the District's 2022 assessment remains the same as described in the Management District Plan and is based on one (1) zone of benefit, an allocation of program costs and a calculation of assessable footage. Three property assessment variables, parcel square footage, building square footage and linear front footage will be used in the calculation. Condos are assessed at a flat rate of unit square footage.

Parcel type / 2022 assessment rate:

Non-gov Parcels Frontage \$35.2588 Lot \$0.1960 Bldg \$0.0714

Publicly Owned Parcels Frontage \$32.0855 Lot \$0.1783 Bldg \$0.0649

Residential Condominium Unit Area only \$0.3716

(There is a 2.8% CPI increase for 2022)

# Surplus Revenues: \$325,302.92

Of this amount, we planned to have a carryover of \$196,000 into 2022 to enable us to pay our current invoices in a timely manner. The remaining \$129,302.93, \$68,924 is due to more revenue collected than anticipated; this is a timing issue. We incurred \$60,378.94 less expense than planned; \$40,630 due labor shortages in clean and safe, the rest due to less labor than anticipated in administration due to an employee ceasing employment with the BID. We are supplementing our security labor with a second vendor in addition to our primary one to help augment security labor for 2022.

# **Anticipated Deficit Revenues**

There are no deficit revenues that will be carried over to 2022.

# Contribution from Sources other than assessments: \$38,600.00

General Benefit revenue due from L.A. City per our management plan.

#### APPENDIX A- TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES/EXPENDITURES FOR THE Historic Core BID- FY 2022

2022 Assessments	\$2,683,922.25	
Estimated Carryover from 2021	\$325,302.92	
Other Income	\$38,600.00	
Total Estimated Revenues	\$3,047,825.17	
2022 Estimated Expenditures		Pct.
Clean & Safe Programs	\$2,275,598.28	74.66%
Administration & Corporate Operations	\$508,162.89	16.67%
Communications & Development	\$264,064.00	8.66%
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$3,047,825.17	100%