

Communication from Public

Name: Erin Coutts

Date Submitted: 05/10/2022 11:11 PM

Council File No: 21-1469

Comments for Public Posting: As a mother and commuter with a stroller, I support allocating \$400,000 to begin the process to create an inventory of the estimated 9,000 - 11,000 miles of sidewalks in Los Angeles. This will allow the City to create a strategic plan to fund, fix/install access ramps and sidewalks throughout the City and leverage State and Federal grants to help fund the program. Thank you for your efforts to make our city a more accessible place for all Angelenos, Erin

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Name: Alanna Madrid
Date Submitted: 05/11/2022 11:00 AM
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St. Barnabas Senior Services - Over 100 Years of Excellence & Innovation

LA City Public Works Committee
Sent VIA CITY PUBLIC COMMENT PORTAL

May 11, 2022

Re: Support Allocation of \$400,000 for Sidewalk Database (Council File: **21-1469**)

Dear [City of Los Angeles Public Works Committee](#),

Since 1908, St. Barnabas Senior Services (SBSS), the oldest and longest continuously serving community based organization focused on serving vulnerable older adults in the greater Los Angeles area, strongly supports creating and maintaining a comprehensive database of the condition of the sidewalks in the City of Los Angeles as it would bring about greater health and dignity for our older adult clients and people with disabilities. It is imperative that funds are allocated to create a comprehensive database of all broken sidewalks and ramps in the City of Los Angeles.

The City of Los Angeles along with numerous entities, including SBSS, helped create the goals of Purposeful Aging Los Angeles "PALA" (www.purposefulagingla.com), that highlights the needs of older adults. The first line in Outdoor spaces portion of the PALA website, reads **"Access to outdoor spaces and recreational facilities is a vital part of healthy living."**

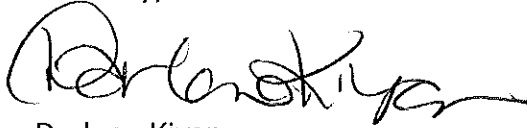
SBSS strongly support creating and maintaining a database of the condition of the nearly 10,000 miles of sidewalks in the City of Los Angeles, as it would bring about greater health and dignity for our older adult clients and individuals with disabilities who are at the greatest risk of injury from broken, uneven, and unsafe sidewalks and ramps.

Nearly 25% of Angelenos are now over the age of 60, and it is important the City spend the resources to allow Angelenos to access and enjoy walking outside to maintain their physical, emotional and mental well-being. Walking or using their walkers or wheelchairs to obtain fresh air, is only possible if the sidewalks are in good condition and not broken.

This requires that the City do its part to ensure that ramps and sidewalks throughout the City are up to code and well maintained. The ability to maintain safe sidewalks and the necessary ramp access will be supported by creating and maintaining a comprehensive database of the conditions of our pedestrian walkways.

Please allocate the \$400,000 that is being asked to create and maintain the much needed sidewalk database. We appreciate your time and hope to have your support for our older adults and people with disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darlene Kiyan', with a stylized, flowing script.

Darlene Kiyan
Executive Director

cc:

Hon. Bob Blumenfield
Hon. John S. Lee
Hon. Kevin de Leon
Hon. Mitch O'Farrell
Hon. Herb J. Wesson