

## M O T I O N

Participation in local government is paramount to any successful democracy. Los Angeles is a diverse City and as such we should strive to capture the perspectives of all of our communities and make sure that these voices are heard accurately. Residents should not bear the burden of having to request translation services in advance of being afforded the opportunity to participate in their government, it adds undue burden and further disenfranchises immigrant communities. For virtual and in-person meetings, translation services are available for those that request in advance. We must hold ourselves accountable and to a higher standard when it comes to actively encouraging participation in our local government and respecting the voices of any constituencies so that we can deliver just cause for this Council.


Pursuant to Council File 22-0242, Council directed departments to report back on the communication methods used to distribute multilingual documents and mailings, translation services for city-run meetings, existing staffing and contract resources used for translation and outreach, notification of the public via ethnic media, and other ways departments actively provide information about their services to multilingual community. Deploying translation services as well as information on requesting these services for these meetings would benefit the general public that wishes to participate in the City's meetings.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council direct the Information Technology Agency in partnership with the City Clerk, Chief Legislative Analyst, and the Personnel Department, to report in 30 days on the feasibility of providing translation services for every committee meeting and City Council meeting to begin as soon as possible with the 2023 City Council calendar year. This should include a hiring plan, the cost of these positions, and any additional cost such as equipment related to the proper functioning of these meetings.

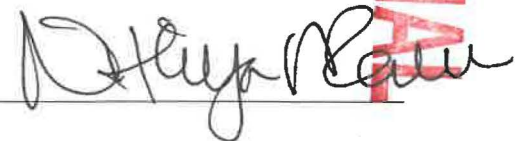
**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council direct the Information Technology Agency in partnership with the City Clerk, Chief Legislative Analyst, and the Personnel Department, to report on the current hiring practices deployed for City Council translation services.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council direct the City Clerk and Chief Legislative Analyst to report in 30 days on the process for requesting translation services for committees or City Council meetings.

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