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The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) between the City and County of Los Angeles charged with helping the unhoused residents of the County find stable housing solutions and the services needed to achieve that goal. The JPA documents the obligations of the City and the County to support LAHSA, the obligations of LAHSA in the operation of the organization, and their relationship with the City and County.

The JPA currently includes a provision that requires LAHSA to present their proposed annual budget to the City and County on or before February 1 of each year. Thereafter, the City and County have the opportunity to provide recommendations to LAHSA before final adoption of the budget. The provisions of this section of the JPA have not been implemented in a manner that has allowed the Council an opportunity to fully review and discuss LAHSA's annual budget, nor the opportunity for the City to make recommendations. Such information is essential to guide the City when it makes its own budgeting and programming decisions to help the City's unhoused residents.

With LAHSA reporting a nearly \$1 billion budget in FY 2022 - 2023, one significant improvement would be to revise the JPA government document, which was last amended in 2001, to strengthen its budget reporting requirements by providing granular detail about services to be provided, in addition to performance measures. An amendment to the JPA would also require approval by the County, and should be discussed and drafted with their participation.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer and Housing Department, to negotiate with the County of Los Angeles to amend the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Joint Powers Authority to require LAHSA to present their full budget, inclusive of all federal, State, County, local, and private funding, to the City on an annual basis, with details regarding services to be provided, sources of funds, and performances measures.

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