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Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
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FROM: Celia Zavalas
Executive Officer

POSTED: April 10, 2020

RE: Corrections and/or additions to the agenda for the Board meeting of Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

3-D. REVISE:

Implementing the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act Across Los Angeles County

Revised recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas: Authorize the Acting Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) to serve as the agent of the County for the administration of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act Funds (CARES Act Funds); accept from the County any the CARES Act Funds Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of $13,668,315 and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds in the amount of $6,605,000, allocated to the County and
incorporate into the current and future fiscal year budgets; designate the Acting Executive Director as the official responsible for completing all required actions to be taken by LACDA to administer the allocated CARES Act Funds described herein; approve the use of CARES Act Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of $13,668,315 and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds in the amount of $6,605,000, and any future allocated CARES Act Funds; instruct the Acting Executive Director to coordinate with the Chief Executive Officer, or her designee within the Homeless Initiative, on the expenditure of the ESG funds and report back to the Board in writing within 30 days with their recommendations; instruct the Acting Executive Director to work with the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Consumer and Business Affairs, and other partners, to report back to the Board on the feasibility of using current or future ESG, CDBG, California Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB-2) or other funding to support preventing people from becoming homeless through the County’s Eviction Defense Program or for rental assistance for people facing eviction; approve the use of $2,733,663 in CARES Act CDBG funds and $264,200 $660,500 in ESG funds for LACDA administration, and approve the use of any future allocated CARES Act Funds for LACDA administration, as allowed by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations; and take the following actions: (Relates to Agenda No. 10)

Authorize the Acting Executive Director, in administration of these CARES Act Funds, to execute CDBG Reimbursable and Advance Contracts for participating cities, community-based organizations and other public agencies to allocate CARES Act Funds in any fiscal year and execute any necessary non-monetary and monetary amendments;

Approve the use of CARES Act ESG funds in the amount of $6,605,000 and authorize the Acting Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) for $6,340,000; approve the use of future CARES Act Funds and execute any necessary amendments with LAHSA to fund programs that assist persons who are experiencing homelessness using such CARES Act Funds;
Authorize the Acting Executive Director, within the limits prescribed by HUD, to reprogram CARES Act Funds to fully expend the grants for the purposes described in the CARES Act, and instruct the Acting Executive Director to identify and deposit into unprogrammed fund accounts of the respective Supervisorial Districts, all CARES Act Funds that are unexpended, disallowed or recovered as a result of full or partial CDBG Reimbursable or Advance Contract terminations;

Authorize the Acting Executive Director to amend the CARES Act Reimbursable or Advance Contracts utilizing CARES Act Funds from time to time, as necessary, to address the cancellation and/or inclusion of off-cycle projects, as well as any necessary non-monetary and monetary amendments to projects being undertaken by the County, participating cities and recipient agencies during Fiscal Year 2019-20 or in the future, and include Federal regulatory changes, additional funds and new HUD directives;

Authorize the Acting Executive Director, in consultation with the Supervisorial Districts, to terminate CDBG Reimbursable and Advance Contracts utilizing CARES Act Funds when the operating agencies fail to address administrative deficiencies, CDBG program compliance issues or other contract obligations; and take all related actions, including execution of any necessary documents, to effectuate such terminations; and

Authorize the Acting Executive Director to enter into agreements with Los Angeles Urban County participating cities or other entitlement cities, to provide administrative and oversight of their CARES Act programs, including procurement, contracting for and carrying out projects within these jurisdictions. (20-2204)
5. REVISE AND AMEND:

Ensuring Collection of Full Racial and Ethnic Data of COVID-19 Patients throughout Los Angeles County

Revised recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Solis and Barger: Instruct the Director of Public Health to report back to the Board in writing within 30 days on an analysis of available racial and ethnic demographic data on COVID-19 cases, including a breakdown by age groups and socioeconomic status, and an analysis on COVID-19 testing data to include information on those who have tested positive by race and ethnicity, when available, and socioeconomic status, and an analysis of fatalities by race and ethnicity; and instruct the Director of Public Health to work in collaboration with the Director of Health Services, to include in the report back to the Board within 30 days with the COVID-19 related hospitalization data from County-operated hospitals, including average length of stay by racial group and age group, when available; and instruct the Director of Public Health to work in collaboration with the Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner, to report back to the Board in writing within 30 days on COVID-19 related data, including, when available, a breakdown of fatalities by race, ethnicity and age group.

Also, consideration of Supervisor Ridley-Thomas’ recommendation to amend Supervisors Solis and Barger’s motion as follows: instruct the Director of Public Health to immediately take efforts to collect relevant demographic data, including race and ethnicity, across all testing sites and report back to the Board in writing within 30 days on an analysis of available racial and ethnic demographic data on COVID-19 cases, including a breakdown by age groups and socioeconomic status, and an analysis on COVID-19 testing data to include information on those who have requested testing on the online COVID-19 testing portal and 211, regardless of their ultimate approval for testing, made appointments, received testing and tested positive or negative by race and ethnicity, when available, and socioeconomic status, including an analysis of fatalities by race and ethnicity; and provide updates on a weekly basis; all testing, data collection and research efforts underway or planned by the Department of
Public Health Center for Health Equity as it relates to COVID-19, including serological testing, and those efforts in partnership with academic institutions and community-based organizations, to ensure prioritization and contextualization of health equity; and instruct the Director of Public Health to work in collaboration with the Director of Health Services, to include in the report back to the Board within 30 days with hospitalization data from County-operated hospitals, including average length of stay by racial group and age group, when available, and provide updates on a weekly basis.  (20-2181)

Motion by Supervisors Solis and Barger
Revised motion by Supervisors Solis and Barger
Motion by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas
10. REVISE:

Implementing the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act Across Los Angeles County

Revised recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas: Approve receipt of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act Funds (CARES Act Funds) consisting of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) in the amount of $20,273,315, and any future allocated CARES Act Funds from any other program source when allocated to the County; and designate the Acting Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) to serve as the agent of the County for administration of the CARES Act Funds, and authorize the transfer of these allocated and future funds to LACDA by the County; direct the Chief Executive Officer, or her designee within the Homeless Initiative, to coordinate with the Acting Executive Director on the expenditure of the ESG funds and report back to the Board in writing within 30 days with their recommendations; and direct the Chief Executive Officer to work with the Director of Consumer and Business Affairs and Acting Executive Director and other partners, to report back to the Board on the feasibility of using current or future ESG, CDBG, California Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB-2) or other funding to support preventing people from becoming homeless through the County’s Eviction Defense Program or for rental assistance for people facing eviction. (Relates to Agenda No. 3-D) (20-2203)

Motion by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas
Revised motion by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas
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SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

42-A. Expansion of Tenant Protections During the COVID-19 Crisis to Preserve and Increase Housing Security and Stability and Prevent Further Homelessness

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Solis and Kuehl: Adopt a resolution to amend the Executive Order issued by the Chair of the Board on March 19, 2020, in order to take the following actions;

Include a temporary moratorium on evictions for non-payment of space rent for mobilehome owners who rent space in mobilehome parks;

Expand to all jurisdictions within the County, pursuant to Government Code Section 8630, et seq. and Chapter 2.68 of the County Code with considerations for cities that already have local eviction moratoria in place;

Prohibit rent increases for residential units and mobilehome owners from March 4, 2020 through May 31, 2020 (Moratorium Period), unless extended further, to the extent permitted by State law and consistent with Chapters 8.52 and 8.57 of the County Code, with the Executive Order to also prohibit a landlord from imposing any new pass-throughs or charging interest and/or late fees for unpaid rent during the Moratorium Period, and bar landlords from attempting to collect interest and late fees incurred during this Moratorium Period following the termination of the Executive Order;

Encourage landlords and tenants to agree on a payment plan that would allow landlords to accept partial rent payments during the moratorium if tenants are able to make such payments;

Extend the repayment period from six months to twelve months following the end of the Moratorium Period;
Further define financial impact and relation to COVID-19, as well
as prohibit an eviction during the Moratorium Period based on
the presence of unauthorized occupants, pets or nuisance
necessitated by or related to the COVID-19 emergency;

Allow tenants to provide and require landlords to accept a
self-certification of a tenant's inability to pay rent and provide
notice to the landlord to that effect;

Prohibit landlords, and those acting on their behalf, from
harassing or intimidating tenants for acts or omissions expressly
permitted under the Executive Order, as amended, and the
resolution; and

Address the County's public policy and intent to close certain
businesses to protect public health, safety and welfare, and the
County recognizes that the interruption of any business will
cause loss of and damage to the business, and therefore, the
County finds and declares that the closure of these businesses
is mandated for the public health, safety and welfare and that the
physical loss of and damage to businesses is resulting from the
shutdown and that these businesses have lost the use of their
property and are not functioning as intended. (20-2211)

Motion by Supervisors Solis and Kuehl
Revised motion by Supervisor Hahn
Motion by Supervisor Barger
42-B. Economic Relief for Marina del Rey Lessees

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Hahn: Instruct the Director of Beaches and Harbors to evaluate the economic impacts of COVID-19 on the County’s Marina del Rey lessees (Marina Lessees); and authorize the Director to implement appropriate economic relief measures, effective through June 30, 2020, to assist the Marina Lessees in mitigating the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, such measures may include, without limitation, deferral of minimum and other rents, deferral of required reserve fund contributions and provision of consent to allow Marina Lessees to apply for State, Federal and other economic relief, with the Director’s authority provided hereby will be subject to the following: any relief from rent or other payment obligations shall be in the form of deferrals only, and the Director should report back to the Board in 120 days regarding all measures implemented during the period ending June 30, 2020 and recommendations for additional relief thereafter, if appropriate. (20-2206)

Motion by Supervisor Hahn
Revised motion by Supervisor Hahn

42-C. Settlement of the Matter Entitled, Keela Castle v. County of Los Angeles

Los Angeles County Claims Board’s recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled, Keela Castle v. County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV06099 in the amount of $350,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Internal Services Department's budget.

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Internal Services Department was subjected to retaliation and discrimination based on gender, race and age. (20-2098)

Board Letter

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled, Gaspar Zavala v. Brown, Ronald, et al., United States District Court Case No. CV 18-04472 SJO (ASx) in the amount of $2,800,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Office of the Public Defender's budget.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of Federal civil rights violations by a former Public Defender client who claims his constitutional rights were violated. (20-2110)

Board Letter


Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled, Ren Zheng v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 670331 in the amount of $495,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving an on-duty Sheriff's Deputy. (20-2104)

Board Letter
ADDITIONAL ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

42-F. County Code, Title 11 - Health and Safety Amendment

Interim urgency ordinance for adoption amending County Code, Title 11 - Health and Safety, by adding Chapter 11.57 which establishes sanitary practices, and workplace safety protections for Retail Grocery Store and Retail Drug Store premises, provides for the supply of protective face covering, sanitizing and other protective products, and provides other practices to assist vulnerable customers and other members to help protect the health and safety of Retail Grocery Store, Retail Drug Store and Food Delivery Platform workers and their customers in response to the pandemic COVID-19 public health crisis; this interim urgency ordinance will take immediate effect upon its approval by at least a four-fifths vote of the Board, and will expire on the latter of the lifting of the Emergency Order declared on March 4, 2020 by the Governor of the State of California, or the Local Emergency declared on March 4, 2020, by the Board of Supervisors, as requested at the Board meeting of March 31, 2020. ADOPT 4-VOTES (20-2207)

Ordinance