

## Agenda Item 51-C

Reimagining Los Angeles County: Shifting Budget Priorities to Revitalize Under-resourced and Low-income Communities - Motion by Supervisors Kuehl and Solis

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Kuehl and Solis: Direct the Chief Executive Officer, in collaboration with County Counsel, to take the following actions for consideration at the July 28, 2020 Board meeting:

Report back to the Board on the processes and procedures associated with the placement of a County Charter Amendment on the November 2020 General Election ballot, subject to the approval of a simple majority of the voters of the County;

Draft the necessary documents, including an ordinance, to call a special election to be held on November 3, 2020, for the purpose of voting on an amendment to the Charter of the County of Los Angeles to set a baseline minimum threshold of at least 10%, phased in by 2024, of our locally-generated unrestricted revenues in the general fund (Net County Cost) to be allocated on an annual basis for the following primary purposes:

A. Direct Community Investment:

- i. Community-based youth development programs;
- ii. Job training and jobs to low-income residents focusing on jobs that support the implementation of the “Alternatives to Incarceration” workgroup recommendations, especially construction jobs for the expansion of affordable and supportive housing, and a decentralized system of care;
- iii. Access to capital for small minority-owned businesses, with a focus on Black-owned businesses;
- iv. Rent assistance, housing vouchers and accompanying supportive services to those at-risk of losing their housing, or without stable housing;
- v. Capital funding for transitional housing, affordable housing, and supportive housing; and B. Alternatives to Incarceration: i. Community-based restorative justice programs; ii. Pre-trial non-custody services and treatment; and iii. Community-based health services, health promotion, counseling, wellness and prevention programs, and mental health and substance use disorder services;

Ensure that the ordinance containing the proposed charter amendment is clear that the use of any of these earmarked funds for carceral systems and any law enforcement agencies, including the Sheriff's Department, the District Attorney's Office, Los Angeles County Superior Courts, or the Probation Department, including redistribution of funds through these agencies, is strictly forbidden. This restriction does not extend to State laws requiring the County to fund court facilities and certain court-related expenditures including, but not limited to, the Trial Court Facilities Act of 2002 (2002 Senate Bill No. 1732), Lockyer-Isenberg Trial Court Funding Act of 1997 (1997 Assembly Bill No. 233), and other mandatory fines and fees; and

Ensure that the ordinance contains language incrementally phasing in the Net County Cost set-aside detailed above over a three-year period, beginning July 1, 2021 and incrementally growing to the full set-aside by June 30, 2024, pursuant to the procedures codified in the County Budget Act in the Government Code. (20-3667)