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Hi Robin,

I hope you and yours are doing well and staying safe! I wanted to reach out as I recently took over as the new West Area Representative for Mayor Garcetti. While I will miss the Council District Four family, I am excited to continue serving the City during this challenging time. I would love to find some time to chat in the next few weeks to learn more about your vision for the new year.

I also wanted to reach out regarding a recent development that you may already be tracking. I realize we are in the middle of the holiday season and the end of a trying year. As we close out the year, however, I wanted to bring to your attention the action taken by the Mayor last week that responds to the calls for fundamental change that tens of thousands of Angelenos and others around the country powerfully made this summer in the wake of the murder of George Floyd and others.

As you may remember, inspired by the protests, City leaders promised to carve \$150 million out of the budget to reinvest in communities to address long-standing injustices and systematic racial inequality and to help reimagine a more just and thoughtful future for policing and public safety. For several months, our City Council has been wrestling with how to reinvest these funds to best achieve those goals.

Earlier this month, a proposal was adopted by our Council leaders that focused on funding an array of services, including projects like park improvements, street and alley resurfacing, and tree trimming. Although recognizing that these projects are critically important City services, the proposal sent to the Mayor's desk does not respond to the demands of the protestors for lasting changes in public safety and pressing matters around racial justice, equality, and opportunity.

Thus, for only the second time in his tenure, the Mayor last week vetoed a Council action, issuing [this letter](#) outlining his reasons. The Mayor has asked the City Council to return a plan that includes (1) a pilot program funding for community safety, racial justice, and income inequality issues, (2) layoff protection for vulnerable city employees, (3) a large public safety reorganization that focuses on non-police crisis and mental health help, and (4) intervention and prevention plans for poorer neighborhoods with high levels of violence. The Mayor looks forward to receiving a revised plan from the City Council that addresses these issues and takes the bold action required of city leaders at this critical moment.

We want to make sure the community's voices are heard. I'd love to check in with you some time next week to hear your thoughts on the proposed funding allocation. Here is a link to the [funding recommendations the City Council adopted](#) that the Mayor asked to be revised.

Best,  
Brad