



Mayor's Office Updates April 27th Board Meeting

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Good evening folks,

Here are my updates for your upcoming NC Board meeting:

- The City of LA's Small Business Rental Assistance Program is now open. The program will provide \$12 million in grants to eligible businesses located in the City that need financial assistance to aid in their recovery from COVID-19. Grants will be of up to \$15,000 or six months of back rent, whichever is less.
 - **The application period ends on May 6th.**
 - Additional details, along with a link to the application portal will be available at <https://bit.ly/lasmallbizgrant>.
- Beautify LA Grant is accepting applications. It's a competitive matching grant (up to \$2500) that will be awarded to community groups in Los Angeles to fund exceptional neighborhood beautification projects. As a matching grant, each awarded project is required to match a minimum of 25% of the grant amount or more through contributions.
 - **Applications Close May 4th**
 - <http://LAocb.org/beautify-la-grant>
 - questions: BPW.BeautifyLAGrant@lacity.org
- The Mayor gave his State of the City Address on April 14th.
 - The recording of the address is available on our Facebook and Twitter feeds (@MayorofLA) and our [website](#). A transcript is also available [here](#).
- The Mayor proposed his 2022-2023 budget.
 - The spending plan includes over \$1 billion to address the homelessness crisis, the City's largest-ever investment at \$1.164 billion, which is more than 20 times the homelessness budget when Mayor Garcetti took office in 2013.
 - The budget also shows a 6.6% increase in projected revenue from last year, an indication that the City is undergoing one of the strongest economic recoveries from the pandemic in the nation.
 - The proposed budget calls for new public safety resources, including the hiring of 780 police officers and 260 firefighters. The spending plan would increase current spending on public safety alternatives by over 30%, with \$8 million for CIRCLE, a program to divert nonviolent 9-1-1 calls related to homelessness to trained professionals; \$2 million for the Therapeutic Transportation Van Pilot program; \$37 million for the City's Gang Reduction and Youth Development program; and \$6.4 million for Saturday Night Lights, a program to reduce crime and violence during the summer months by offering free food, activities, and resources at City parks.
 - *Other key components of Mayor Garcetti's budget include:*
 - *\$15 million for waste diversion and water resiliency improvements;*
 - *\$12.4 million for electric vehicle purchases and leases, electric vehicle infrastructure, and charging infrastructure across the City;*
 - *\$10.5 million for the establishment of the two-part Climate Equity Fund to provide mitigation actions for low-income communities that disproportionately suffer from climate impacts*
 - *\$9.7 million for street safety improvements;*

- *\$4 million in cool pavement, doubling the City's current investment;*
 - *\$3.8 million to expand the City's Clean and Green program;*
 - *\$3 million for Summer Play LA, which will provide low-cost summer camp programs at recreation centers;*
 - *Nearly 800 additional sanitation workers, including more than 200 youth positions for the CleanLA program;*
 - *\$2 million for tree planting in low-canopy neighborhoods.*
- You can provide feedback on the budget by submitting comments to [Council File 22-0600](#)

I'd appreciate it if you could direct the board and the members of the public to my written report during my turn on the agenda. Please feel to email me at vishesh.anand@lacity.org if they have any comments, questions, or concerns.

Best regards,



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