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- 16.H. Recommendation to accept Greg Morena's resignation from the Recreation and Parks Commission and authorize the City Clerk to publish the vacancy.**
- 16.I. Designation of voting delegate and alternate for the Los Angeles County Division of CalCities.**
- 16.J. Request of Councilmembers Hall and Snell for Council to direct the City Attorney to return with an ordinance codifying resident representation for Council appointees to the governing boards of Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., Santa Monica Travel and Tourism, Inc., and the Santa Monica Pier Corporation, Inc.**
- 16.K. Request of Councilmembers Hall, Snell, and Mayor Pro Tempore Torosis for Council to direct the City Attorney to return with an ordinance that amends Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 4.08.095 prohibiting certain comfort items for unhoused individuals.**

- 16.L. Request of Councilmembers Zwick and Hall that the City Council direct the City Manager to work with the Chief of Police to prioritize the deterrence of dangerous driving within Santa Monica that poses an immediate threat to the safety of residents. Specifically, the department shall 1) prioritize a greater number of high-visibility enforcement operations against dangerous driving, 2) provide data reporting to City Council and the public on an ongoing quarterly basis detailing the monthly total number of Traffic/Vehicle Stops and enforcement actions, including subtotals for each moving violation, as well as a comprehensive breakdown of data and trends in city traffic enforcement from 2019 through 2024 as part of the department's annual report to City Council, and 3) develop a proposal as part of the 25/26 budget process to restore the department's traffic enforcement capabilities and outcomes to pre-2020 levels.**
- 16.M. Request of Councilmember Hall and Mayor Pro Tempore Torosis, that, in order to accurately capture lessons learned during the City's response to the Palisades Fire and to better prepare for the next natural disaster or emergency crisis, the Council direct the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk's Offices to conduct an After Action Review across all City Departments and to return to Council no later than 12 months from now with a public report, improvement action items, and implementation plan.**
- 16.N. Request of Councilmembers Zwick, Zernitskaya, and Hall that, in conjunction with necessary updates arising out of SB 450, and in order to facilitate diverse housing choices in the City's highest opportunity areas, the City Council directs the City Manager and the City Attorney to return with an ordinance to amend the City's regulations governing ministerial approval for certain lot splits and duplexes on parcels zoned for single-unit residential by: (1) removing the owner-occupancy requirement for lot splits and duplexes and clarifying that vacant or demolished parcels, as well as lots with approved demolition permits, are eligible for lot splits and duplexes, (2) allowing one roof deck per unit, and (3) ensuring that no standard within this ordinance or the underlying zoning district shall preclude the construction of 2 units, not including ADUs, of at least 1200 square feet each. One year after implementation, city staff shall return with a report on any impacts of the ordinance, as amended, including data on net new housing units permitted, effects on displacement (if any), concentration of ownership, and other pertinent information to evaluate its success in affirmatively furthering fair housing and creating more affordable "missing middle" homes.**

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- 16.G. Recommendation to accept Edward Scott's resignation from the Architectural Review Board and authorize the City Clerk to publish the vacancy - *New Item Received. 2/06/2025*
- 16.H. Recommendation to accept Luis Barrera Castañón's resignation Human Services Commission and authorize the City Clerk to publish the vacancy - *New Item Received. 2/06/2025*
- 16.I. Request of Councilmembers Hall and Zernitskaya that in order to reaffirm our commitment to efficient and safe public transit, safe streets, and efforts to increase BBB ridership and reduce unnecessary delays, the Council direct the City Manager and Department of Transportation to explore implementing Yield Right-of-Way Signage for Big Blue Bus as authorized pursuant to Assembly Bill 1904 and direct the City Attorney to draft a resolution as required by Assembly Bill 1904 to implement such yield right-of-way signage program for BBB. - *New Item Received. 2/06/2025*
- 16.J. Establish and appoint a temporary ad hoc Council committee for the City Manager recruitment process. - *New Item Received. 2/06/2025*

- 16.K. Request of Councilmembers Torosis, Hall and Raskin to Strengthen Tenant Protections: Moving Forward with a Rent Registry and Funding Its Implementation in the Upcoming Biennial Budget - *New Item Received. 2/06/2025*
- 16.L. Request of Councilmember Zwick, Mayor Negrete, and Mayor Pro Tem Torosis that the City Council direct the City Manager and City Attorney to expedite the issuance of Building Permits in Santa Monica without reducing building integrity and still adhering to life and safety requirements through the development of a Voluntary Self-Certification Pilot Program for non-structural commercial tenant improvements, single-family home improvements, and accessory dwelling units. The Self-Certification Program shall allow Licensed Professionals who agree to self-certify that building plans are compliant with all California codes and local ordinances to bypass the normal plan review process and get approval for permits in one to five business days, facilitating our city's economic recovery and reducing the workload on plan check professionals, allowing them to focus on the more complex projects that require their attention. City staff shall return to City Council with recommendations for program design and implementation within six months. - *New Item Received. 2/06/2025*
- 16.M. Request of Councilmembers Zwick and Raskin that the City Council direct the City Manager and City Attorney to adjust the Administrative Approval criteria for housing projects within the Bergamot Area Plan (BAP) and present them for Council consideration and adoption at the April 22 meeting. Specifically, to ensure that housing projects are feasible, street and pathway requirements shall be limited to those envisioned in the BAP (p. 207) and interpreted liberally in favor of ensuring the production of new housing, their exact location shall be flexible so as to avoid bisecting parcels and limiting site feasibility, they shall be credited towards the 14% open space requirement at a ratio of 1.5:1, and subject to staff discretion for sites under 2 acres. - *New Item Received. 2/06/2025*
- 16.N. Request of Councilmembers Zwick and Zernitskaya that the City Council direct the City Manager and City Attorney to prepare an ordinance granting all development, land use, or subdivision applications as allowed by applicable State law (including any such applications granted on appeal) that were approved prior to January 6, 2025 an extension of two years beyond their current expiration dates and all complete building permit applications submitted or issued prior to January 6, 2025 an extension of one year beyond their current expiration dates (including dates to start and complete work), provided that applicant attests project will comply with current code. For approved Development Agreement projects that are not yet under construction, provide an administrative pathway for the applicants to opt in to this two-year extension to the building permit issuance date as a subsequent code change that developer can elect to consent to in writing. - *New Item Received. 2/06/2025*

agreement with a new total amount not to exceed \$3,617,970, with future funding contingent upon Council budget approval.

6. Adopt a finding of no possibility of significant effect pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

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No items

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- 16.A. **Recommendation to accept James Kennedy's resignation from the Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens Oversight Committee and authorize the City Clerk to publish the vacancy.**
- 16.B. **Recommendation to rescind the January 28, 2025, appointment of Dennis Puri to the Transient Occupancy Tax Advisory Committee; and, continue the appointment to a future meeting.**
- 16.C. **Request of Councilmembers Hall and Zernitskaya that in order to reaffirm our commitment to the protection of Transgender, Gender Diverse, and Intersex persons, the Council direct the City Attorney to draft a resolution banning the use of City resources and personnel to aid the federal government or other states in blocking gender-affirming healthcare.**
- 16.D. **Request of Councilmembers Hall, Raskin, and Zernitskaya that in order to promote free and fair elections, the Council direct Staff to return with options to raise the individual contribution limit during political campaigns.**

- 16.E. Request of Councilmember Zwick, Hall, and Zernitskaya that, to align with the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) initiative to evaluate and design bus rapid transit (BRT) and related bus infrastructure on priority corridors in the subregion including Santa Monica Boulevard west of Beverly Hills and Caltrans' efforts to implement bus lanes on Santa Monica Boulevard between Centinela Avenue and the 405, the City Council direct the City Manager to present transit priority measures and tradeoffs, including bus lanes, as part of the planned study session about the Santa Monica Boulevard Safety Study in summer 2025.**
- 16.F. Request of Mayor Negrete and Councilmember Snell that the City Manager and City Attorney survey other cities and bring amendments to the Gift Resolution and Gratuity Ordinance to create exceptions for attending City of Santa Monica economic development and cultural events in which Councilmembers are expected to attend to represent the City.**

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11.A. Receive Homelessness Strategic Plan and Renters' Protections Program, Approval of Human Services Division Reorganization Plan and Adoption of Classification and Salary Resolution

Recommended Action

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Receive the City of Santa Monica Homelessness Strategic Plan 2025-2030. (Attachment A)
2. Receive the Renters' Protections Program: Analysis, Key Findings, and Recommendations. (Attachment B)
3. Approve the Human Services Division Reorganization Plan.
4. Adopt a Resolution of the City of Santa Monica establishing new classifications and adopting salary rates for various listed positions (Attachment C) and approve the position and classification changes (Attachment D).
5. Adopt the 2025 Proclamation Declaring a Local Emergency on Homelessness through 12/31/2026 (Attachment E), unless repealed or extended by Council, due to the ongoing crisis of homelessness exacerbated by the recent wildfires.
6. Authorize budget amendment as outlined in the Financial Impacts & Budget Actions section of this report (requires 5 votes).
7. Adopt a finding of no possibility of significant effect pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

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16.B. Appointment to one unscheduled vacancy on the Housing Authority Board for a term ending on June 30, 2026. (Continued from 6/25/2024)

- 16.C. Request of Councilmembers Zwick and Snell that the City Council direct the City Manager and City Attorney to advance curbside management measures that would reduce congestion, enhance safety, and mitigate double parking. These measures should include drafting an ordinance for City Council consideration that would establish a legal framework and fee schedule for a smart loading zone pilot program, exploring a public-private partnership for curb management incorporating available technology, and presenting options and tradeoffs to Council for consideration.**
- 16.D. Request of Mayor Negrete that the City Council approve the use of up to \$300 of her allocated travel budget for travel to and from Sacramento on March 3, 2025. The travel occurred as a result of an invitation by Assemblymember Rick Zbur to meet with Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas to discuss the impacts the fires have had on our small businesses and local economy. Mayor Negrete met with other legislators and their staff, including consultants to the Assembly Budget and Assembly Judiciary Committees to discuss both the economic impacts of the fires and also concerns about the financial viability of public agencies facing a rising number of civil claims from decades-old abuse cases.**
- 16.E. Request of Councilmember Zwick and Mayor Negrete that the City Council appoint five of its members to cast votes in the upcoming Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council Election for District #41 Representative. The election was previously scheduled for February 13th but was postponed to March 19th, 2025. District #41 includes Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica and West Hollywood, with each City allowed to have 5 Councilmembers cast votes in the election.**
- 16.F. Request of Councilmembers Hall and Zernitskaya that the City Council approve City Sponsorship of the LGBTQ+ SaMo Pride community festival on June 21, 2025 and the Santa Monica Pier Pride Event taking place on June 22, 2025 and using \$10,000 in previously allocated Council discretionary funds to sponsor the LGBTQ+ Story-ectomy Writing Workshop and Performance Night produced by Crow Comedy, a Santa Monica non-profit, from the FY2024-2025 Budget.**
- 16.G. Mayor Pro Tem Torosis, and Councilmembers Raskin and Hall request that the City Attorney, in coordination with the Rent Control Board, draft and present to Council for adoption within 60 days, an ordinance banning the use of algorithmic rental price-fixing software in Santa Monica and which includes enforceable penalties for noncompliance.**
- 16.H. Request of Councilmembers Hall, Zwick, and Mayor Pro Tempore Torosis that in order to examine the City's historical preservation through the lens of social justice, the Council direct Staff to return with options to implement additional recommendations from the Landmarks Commission report "A Place for Everyone in Santa Monica's History."**

- 16.I. Request of Mayor Negrete that the City Council approve City sponsorship of a Community March & Resource Fair organized by Homies Unidos and others. The march will begin at Santa Monica College to the Pier culminating in a community Resource Fair. The event will take place March 22, 2025, with City Council directing the City Manager to waive the City's portion of fees for use of the Pier. City fees related to the Community March & Resource Fair include the application, administrative, neighborhood notification, business license, parking, and zero waste plan fees associated with the use of the Pier.**

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