



May 21, 2025

Los Angeles City Council  
c/o City Clerk, Room 395

**Re: City of LA Budget (CF 25-0600)**

Honorable Councilmembers,

The Eagle Rock Association (TERA) writes to express our concern regarding the proposed 2025-26 Fiscal Year Budget Proposal. In the face of a \$1 billion budget shortfall, it is understandable that the City of Los Angeles will need to tighten up its budget in order to keep essential services running.

TERA is particularly concerned about proposed reductions to the Department of Transportation, LAPD civilian positions, City Planning, the Bureau of Engineering, Animal Services, Street Lighting, Building and Safety, Department on Disability, and the Department of Aging. These departments include those that provide essential assistance in ongoing TERA initiatives that have helped bring millions of dollars of grant funding to provide meaningful improvements for our community. Additionally, the elimination of more economical civilian and junior positions will result in that same workload having to be staffed less efficiently by more expensive personnel.

The City Administrative Officer projects that the City will pay out at least \$320 million in settlements and judgments for the current fiscal year, including large liabilities for unsafe streets, housing discrimination, and police misconduct. As it crafts its budget, the City must be proactive in curbing the dramatic rise in liability expenses over the past three years. Significant cuts to departments that have jurisdiction over these areas of liability is counter productive to this goal.

TERA appreciates the opportunity to voice our concerns. We request that the City, when possible, continue to engage with community groups like TERA for input on the proposed cuts. TERA is committed to collaborating with the City and Councilmember Jurado on finding a path forward during this challenging period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael MacDonald".

Michael MacDonald  
President