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November 12, 2019

Mayor Eric Garcetti
City Hall
200 Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: City budget priorities for 2020

Dear Mayor Garcetti:

On November 12, 2019, our Governing Board voted to recommend the following areas as priorities for 2019-2020 City budget. These priorities are based on stakeholder needs throughout our community that were brought to our attention by the public comments at our council meetings, by phone, emails, letters and in-person.

Wilmington community members and those that live in the neighborhood, continue to feel overburdened by industry without enough services in return from the Los Angeles city government and the Port of Los Angeles.

Industrial commerce, in the name of economic development for the city and beyond, directly leads to our crumbling roads and streets, port truck traffic, noise, air, trash, trains, water and land pollution. This community is a coastal community with contaminated ocean waters, no safe beach access or community coastal access. No views due to the increased Port growth, unsightly container storage yard, and port cranes. Our underprivileged community is in great need of basic resources.

These issues intersect with our daily lives and causes unfair burdens. It all makes for a more dangerous and unsafe community. Our community members must pay for out of pocket. While home values decrease, rents increase, jobs decrease and our community continues to fall short compared to other communities within Los Angeles.

We thank the Mayor for his initial proposed budget, and departments for doing your part to ensure our community has what it needs to be safe, well- run, livable, sustainable and with a government that puts community first.

Sincerely,

Valerie Contreras

Valerie Contreras, Chair
Wilmington Neighborhood Council

Wilmington Neighborhood Council Priority list

Public Works, Bureau of Street service, Urban forestry, sanitation

- Increase funding for installation of new sidewalks and curbs: Specific areas of concern
 - Pacific Coast Highway West of the 110 Harbor Freeway between the Solomar apartments and the Ken Malloy Park property. Currently there are no sidewalks or curbs. Pedestrian are forced to walk on the street with oncoming traffic. See attached letter.
 - All of Avalon Blvd. starting south between Harry Bridges way and Pacific Coast Hwy.
 - Sandison street between Wilmington Blvd and Neptune. Currently there are no sidewalks and no curbs.
 - Add sidewalks along Anaheim Street West of Figueroa Place along the newly renovated Ken Malloy park property. Across the street from Phillips 66 refinery. Residents cannot safely walk to the park.
- Increased funding for tree trimming and removal where sidewalks are affected by large trees.
- Increased funding for speed bumps and additional stop signs through the community.
- Add funding for street resurfacing due to heavy port truck traffic along Alameda from Anaheim to Lomita Blvd.
- Increased funding for new roadways and transition ramps to accommodate the increased volume of Port truck traffic in our resident community.
- Increase funding for blue curb painting and sign posting for disabled residents
- Increase funding for street sweeping in all of Wilmington
- Increase funding for large illegal dumping clean ups
- increase funding to **water** our trees and green spaces
- increase funding for additional light poles and new LED lighting
 - Between Sanford Avenue and Drum Avenue just North of PCH and South of E. Sandison Street

Safe Community of Wilmington

- Increase funding for our Los Angeles Harbor Area Police- Rearrange and prioritize existing funding for the Harbor Division Los Angeles Police Department to
 - Increase funding to open the Harbor Jail and maintain it, increase foot-beat, response time due to high volume.
 - Increase Police manning due to high crime statistics in our area for homicides, assaults, thief and burglary and homeless criminals.
 - Add bicycle police patrols to business corridors
 - Increased funding for prosecution and removal of illegal cannabis dispensaries.
- Increased funding for license plate readers with cameras that capture the speeding car's detailed information to automatically generate a citation in problem areas of Wilmington

Livable

- Increased funding to remove unsightly graffiti that plagues our community and cause gang violence, shootings and increased crime rates.
- Increased funding to secure our community boundaries for our community update plan
- Funding to facilitate the operation of a work source center in Wilmington.
- Simplify the process for blue curb painting and sign posting for disabled residents.

- Increased funding for street resurfacing due to heavy port truck traffic along Alameda from Anaheim to Lomita Blvd.
- Increased funding for large pothole repair due to increased port truck traffic.
- Increased funding for sidewalk power washing and repair, especially around the business corridors and public access ways, Library, and post office.
- Increased funding for street cleaning for our entire community. Since we have such heavy industrial pollutions in our area and port truck traffic.
- Increased funding for illegal dumping of oversized objects since we have the largest amount of green parking zones for safe RV parking in our area compared to other communities in Los Angeles. For this reason, we also need funding for sign posting. No oversized vehicles. No idling, no trucks over 6,000 lbs., no overnight parking to control this and not overburden our residents.
- Increased funding for additional light poles installed and installation of new LED lighting. Specifically, in the area between Sanford Avenue and Drum Avenue just North of PCH and South of E. Sandison Street
- Add funding to install Center Medians to our community that can support a creative community beautification and native-plant-greening efforts and great lighting.
- Funding for increased path lighting along walk paths in our main streets and public access ways.

City Government

- Increased funding for security staff at the Wilmington Municipal buildings where Neighborhood Councils conduct business after normal hours.
- Safe access for NCs to access our building and office anytime by obtaining our own key.
- Increased funding for security cameras and motion sensors at the Wilmington Municipal Building.

Transportation- Metro-

- Increase funding to add shelter with lighting over all current and future bus stops and areas with no bus benches, so that commuters, with families and young children or elderly folks are protected from extreme weather be it rain or extreme heat.
- Funding to ensure that all dirt roads in Wilmington are paved, and coordinate with the Harbor Department and the State of California's Department of Transportation to accomplish this.
- Maintain and improve crosswalks and four-way stop signs around a three- block radius of all schools. Especially elementary schools.
- Increased funding to install License Plate Readers on local streets where major accidents have occurred with fatalities and near our schools where there are high speeding vehicles. See the attached photos

Historical preservation

- Please add increased funding to preserve our Historical museums,
- Historical churches, Historical buildings, historical trees, historical roads, historical overlay zones,
- historical residential homes, historical archives, historical coastline & tideland trust
- historical sites, monuments, historical cemetery- Where Civil War Veterans lay

Whereas the Wilmington Neighborhood Council understands that implementing the above priorities require funding increases to the relevant departments, be it further resolved that in order to maintain a balanced and realistic budget, the Wilmington Neighborhood Council recommends that funds be redirected away from the following city departments and funds: The Unappropriated Balance, General Services, General City Purposes, the Improvement Fund, the Other Special Purpose Fund. All of these funds for unspecified uses; specify them and use them for departments that will serve Wilmington from the beginning of the fiscal year.

Be it further resolved that the Wilmington Neighborhood Council recommends that the Police Department budget be increased and should also be rearranged and prioritized to be more efficient and achieve a safer city.