AGENDA
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022
2:00 PM

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

THE WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE LAND ON WHICH WE GATHER AND THAT IS CURRENTLY KNOWN AS THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IS THE OCCUPIED, UNCEDED, SEIZED TERRITORY OF THE GABRIELEÑO TONGVA AND GABRIELEÑO KIZH PEOPLES.

IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS), AB 361 HAS AUTHORIZED PUBLIC MEETINGS TO TAKE PLACE VIA TELECONFERENCE BECAUSE STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS ARE RECOMMENDING MEASURES TO PROMOTE SOCIAL DISTANCING.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN PARTICIPATE VIA TELEPHONE OR ZOOM.

To Provide Public Comment via Telephone:

1. You are strongly encouraged to email jbritton@weho.org in advance of the Senior Advisory Board meeting to be added to the Public Speaker List for the meeting. **Please include your name, the phone number from which you will be calling, and which item you would like to speak on.**

2. Dial-in 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting (the meeting begins at 2:00pm). You will be placed on HOLD in the Virtual Waiting Room until it is your turn to speak.

   Meeting Phone Number: 669-900-6833
   Meeting ID: 912 4935 4317

3. Please mute your phone until you are called to speak. Comments from the public are limited to three minutes per speaker.

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3. When you enter the meeting, please make sure to turn off your video and mute your audio. You will be called at the appropriate time. Please turn on your video and audio to make your public comment. Comments from the public are limited to three minutes per speaker. If during the meeting you wish to provide comment on an additional item, please use the 'raise hand' feature in the Zoom application and City staff will alert you at the appropriate time to speak.

If special assistance to participate in this meeting is required, (e.g., an American Sign Language interpreter for people who are Deaf or hard of hearing), you must call or submit your request in writing to the Office of the City Clerk at (323) 848-6800 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. The City TTY line is (323) 848-6496.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: The Senior Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2022, Senior Advisory Board meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation: The Senior Advisory Board is requested to approve the meeting agenda for April 27, 2022.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

This time has been set aside for members of the public to address the Senior Advisory Board on agenda items or items of general interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Senior Advisory Board. Although the Advisory Board values your comments, pursuant to the Brown Act, it generally cannot take any action on items not listed on the posted agenda. This comment period shall be limited to no more than 20 minutes, with three minutes assigned for each speaker.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

The Senior Advisory Board will receive an update from Jewish Family Service regarding programs and classes sponsored by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Senior Advisory Board will receive an update from Hernan Molina, Governmental Affairs Liaison for the City of West Hollywood, regarding the City's legislative priorities and activities.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

C. SENIOR MONTH ACTIVITIES UPDATE

The Senior Advisory Board will receive an update regarding upcoming activities for the month of May from Becca Lubin, Social Services Intern for the City of West Hollywood.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

D. EXPANDING ON-DEMAND TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS IN WEST HOLLYWOOD

The Senior Advisory Board will receive an update regarding on-demand transportation options from Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator for the City of West Hollywood.

Recommendations:

1. Receive and file.
2. Recommend that the City transition from Dial-A-Ride to a MicroTransit Program that prioritizes older adults and community members living with a disability while providing service to the general public.

E. SENIOR MONTH MEETING AGENDA

The Senior Advisory Board will discuss the agenda for the Senior Month televised meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2021.

Recommendation: Receive and comment

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

10. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

During this time, per Section 5.7 of the Senior Advisory Board bylaws, any member of the Board may request that an item of business within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction be added to a future agenda. Such requests are subject to the approval

of the Board. During this time, the Senior Advisory Board will also receive reports from its liaisons to City Commissions and Advisory Boards and will consider appointments of members as liaisons.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board will adjourn to its next meeting which will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. via teleconference.

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022
2 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER
   The meeting was called to order by Chair Nuell at 2:02 PM.

2. ROLL CALL
   Members present: John Allendorfer, Esther Baum, Pat Dixon, David Eichman, Michael Hollingsworth, William McNeeley, Nadia Sutton, Lee Walkup, and Joy Nuell.

   Members absent: None.

   Staff present: Francisco Gomez, Leslie Isenberg, Joyce Britton, Becca Lubin

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
   Boardmember Dixon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   The minutes for the March 23, 2022, Senior Advisory Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
   The Board unanimously approved the agenda.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT
   Karen Eyres, Rent Stabilization Commission, spoke about the West Hollywood Housing Symposium, which will have a panel discussion on state legislation affecting affordable housing and homelessness. She provided the link for the board to register to attend virtually.

   Renee Sotile, Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, expressed concerns over public safety and transportation. She spoke about raising awareness about domestic violence and intimate partner violence. She also spoke about feral cats in the neighborhood.

7. NEW BUSINESS

   A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM
   The Senior Advisory Board received an update from Jewish Family Service regarding remote programs and classes sponsored by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center.

Recommendation: Received and discussed.

B. UPDATE FROM THE LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER'S SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM

The Senior Advisory Board received an update from Michael McFadden, Associate Director of Programs for Senior Services at the Los Angeles LGBT Center, on programs and classes for West Hollywood older adults.

Recommendation: Received and discussed.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

The Senior Advisory Board received an update from Kristin Cook, Director of the City's Public Safety Department, and Lieutenant Moulder from the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station focused on general crime statistics and the West Hollywood Mental Evaluation Team (MET).

Recommendation: Received and discussed.

D. ON-CALL TRANSORTATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, provided an update on the On-Call Transportation Program.

Recommendation: Received and discussed.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Becca Lubin, Social Services Intern, provided an update on the lot at the corner of Crescent Heights and Santa Monica Boulevard. She explained that the lot will be a mixed-use development and will include affordable housing. Becca will track the project and provide regular updates at future meetings.

Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, provided an update on the L.A. Community College District's lawsuit involving accommodations for blind students.

Leslie Isenberg, Social Services Supervisor, mentioned agenda items for the April meeting and requested input from the board for items to include on the May agenda for the televised meeting.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Renee Sotile, Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, expressed concerns about the reliability of transportation and lack of communication regarding those concerns.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Boardmember Allendorfer reported that he attended the March 8th Human Services Commission meeting and brought up concerns about housing, transportation, and health.

Boardmember Hollingsworth expressed concerns about the rising cost of cable for seniors.

Boardmember Eichman provided an update on the Transportation Commission meeting that he attended on the San Vicente streetscape improvements.

Boardmember Dixon commented on the aquatics center.

Boardmember Sutton requested a legislative update on issues relevant to older adults.

Boardmember Walkup mentioned Madeline Albright's passing and expressed concerns about the states' control over interracial marriages. He also mentioned an upcoming event with the Gay Men's Chorus and provided details on how to obtain tickets.

Boardmember Allendorfer requested adjourning in memory of the victims in Ukraine.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned at 3:50 PM in memory of the victims in Ukraine to its next teleconference meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, beginning at 2 PM.

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

(Priorities are listed by category, in alphabetical order for ease of reading. There is no ranking of the categories)

2021-2022 State Legislative Session and the 117th Congress

The legislative priorities guide the advocacy efforts of the Legislative Affairs team, which is composed of City staff and the City's Sacramento lobbyist. The team works collaboratively to safeguard the City's interests and advance its strategic goals. The legislative priorities take into consideration the City's Mission Statement, Core Values and the Vision 2020's Primary Strategic Goals (PSG) and/or Ongoing Strategic Programs (OSP).

The priorities, which are adopted by the City Council at the beginning of each legislative session of the California Legislature and once a new Congress is installed, reflect the City's ongoing commitment to advancing the community's vision of a fair and just society. They also reflect the evolution of society's discourse and needed changes to achieve the goal of a diverse and more inclusive society.

The 2021-2022 legislative priorities incorporate several policy positions adopted by the City Council in the last two years, including support for reforming policing practices and improving accountability and transparency among law enforcement agencies. This includes making changes to the hiring and training practices of law enforcement personnel with the ultimate goal of ending racial profiling, preventing use of excessive force, and dismantling systemic racism within the criminal justice system. In addition, the City Council is committed to pursuing reforms to ensure that every citizen is treated with the utmost respect, and in a fair and equal manner, independent of a person's race, national origin, physical or intellectual disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

The City Council also expressed an interest in supporting reforms to the cash bail system in California so that justice is dispensed in a way that it does not unduly burden low-income individuals. In addition, the Council specified any reform to the cash bail system should avoid the use of computerized systems that are inherently biased against people of color.

Appropriate levels of funding for public education, social, mental health/substance use and health services programs for low-income individuals and persons experiencing homelessness, and for construction of affordable housing continue to be a priority for the City Council. Adequate funding for these priorities is a crucial component to achieving the City's goals of dismantling systemic racism and promoting equity and justice. These priorities have led to the City Council adopting resolutions in support of local and statewide ballot initiatives aimed at expanding funds for the financing of such programs.

The adoption of policies that value diversity, equity and inclusivity remain a priority of the City Council. The City of West Hollywood was one of the first cities to become a sanctuary city to offer safe harbor to undocumented individuals who escaped violence and persecution in their home countries due to their religious beliefs or sexual orientation. The City Council has supported legislative initiatives to reform the immigration system and remains committed to

comprehensive immigration reform that offers a path to citizenship for undocumented individuals living in the United States, including Dreamers.

The City of West Hollywood has actively advocated for the adoption of policies aimed at protecting the environment; as such, the City has supported legislation that sought to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) and the number of miles traveled by motorists, improve the gas mileage and overall efficiency of vehicles. Consistent with this position, the City Council supported the Paris Climate Agreement (PCA) and then, in 2017, rejected President Donald Trump's decision to remove the United States from the PCA. In addition, the City joined an international network of cities to keep working towards the common goal of preventing further increases of global temperature. Furthermore, and consistent with the City's commitment to protecting the environment, the City Council joined efforts with other cities and elected officials to further decarbonize the economy and end oil and gas exploration activities in California.

MISSION STATEMENT

"As a premiere city, we are proactive in responding to the unique needs of our diverse community, creative in finding solutions to managing our urban environment, and dedicated to preserving and enhancing its well-being. We strive for quality in all our actions, setting the highest goals and standards".

CORE CITY VALUES

Respect and Support for People
We recognize and celebrate the diversity of our community by treating all individuals with respect for their personal dignity and providing a wide array of specialized services. We promote mutual respect, courtesy, and thoughtfulness in all interactions.

Responsiveness to the Public
We hold ourselves accountable to the members of our community and are committed to actively seeking public participation. We promote a public process whereby we can respond to the community's needs while balancing competing interests and diverse opinions.

Idealism, Creativity and Innovation
We value our artistic richness and support idealism and creativity. We are dedicated to consistently finding innovative and better solutions to provide the best public service possible.

Quality of Residential Life
We maintain a balanced sense of community by protecting quality of life, conserving our historic neighborhoods, safeguarding housing affordability, and proactively governing growth with care and thought.

Promote Economic Development
We recognize that economic development is essential to maintaining quality of life for the total community. We support an environment where our diverse and eclectic businesses can flourish and seek mutually beneficial relationships with the business community.

Public Safety
We protect the personal safety of our constituents and safeguard the community from the threats of natural, technological, and other man-made hazards. Through preparation and planning, we minimize the effects of these disasters.

Responsibility for the Environment
We make it our responsibility to protect and improve our natural and built environments, pursuing opportunities to preserve and create open and green space in our urban setting. We initiate partnerships with other cities and agencies to address regional and global environmental challenges.

PRIMARY STRATEGIC GOALS

- Maintain the City's Unique Urban Balance with Emphasis on Residential Neighborhood Livability
    - Recognize diverse and competing interests, and work to find balance.
- Develop Parking Opportunities
    - Explore the creation of off-street parking opportunities near all business districts.
- Affordable Housing
    - Protect and enhance affordable housing opportunities, with emphasis on Rent Stabilization laws.
- Fiscal Sustainability
    - Monitor, protect and increase City resources.
- Enhance City Parks and City Library
    - Expand and Enhance City's Green and Public Spaces
    - Complete the Park(s) Master Plan process and Library Project,
    - Create and encourage more public spaces wherever feasible.

ONGOING CITY STRATEGIC PROGRAMS

- Adaptability to Future Change
    - Through strategic planning anticipate and plan for the future to ensure that we are providing relevant programs and policies are provided.
- Institutional Integrity
    - Maintain and enhance government integrity in all City operations and the efficient delivery of services.
- Promote Economic Development while Maintaining Business Vitality & Diversity
    - Recognize the strength of our City's and diversity of the City's business economy.
- Upgrade Existing Buildings & Infrastructure
    - Recognize the need to shore up aging housing and make other private improvements, as well as invest in the City's infrastructure.
- East Side Revitalization
    - Through the Community Director's Commission and the PAC, continue to explore opportunities to enhance the East Side.
- Transportation System Improvement
    - Work to improve vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic.
- Adaptability To Future Change
    - Through strategic planning, anticipate and plan for the future to ensure that we are providing relevant policies are implemented and programs are provided.
- Institutional Integrity
    - Maintain and enhance government integrity in all City operations.
- Community Education
    - Encourage civic engagement through public outreach.
- Actively Participate in Regional Issues
    - Effectively work and partner with our neighboring governmental agencies.
- Support People through Social Services
    - Continue and expand social services programs as appropriate to needs and changing demographics.

- Value and encourage the broad diversity of cultures
    - Provide an environment that nurtures the diverse ethnic cultures, ethnicity, age and sexual orientation of residents that uniquely defines the City of West Hollywood.
- Collaborative Public Safety
    - Promote traditional and non-traditional approaches to public safety, recognizing diversity and community involvement.
- Enhance Technology and Access for the City and its Citizens
    - Recognize the need to maintain the City's technology infrastructure and expand access of resources to City residents and visitors.
- Enhance and Expand Disability Access throughout the City
    - Encourage greater awareness and implementation of the American with Disabilities Act regulations.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

ANIMAL WELFARE (AW)

The City's concern for the well-being of animals dates back to the first years of Cityhood and is a priority aligned with the City's core values. The City of West Hollywood is "cruelty-free" and is the first City in North America to prohibit the practice of Onychectomy, popularly known as declawing. The City has also supported many legislative initiatives that advance a more humane treatment of animals.

AW 1: Support legislation for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

AW 2: Support legislation that creates mechanisms to prevent the adoption of animals for a certain number of years by persons convicted for violations to California statutes and/or U.S. Codes on animal cruelty.

AW 3: Support legislation and policies that improve animal welfare.

AW 4: Address the needs of individuals with companion and service animals following a major disaster or emergency.

AW 5: Continue to advocate for the humane sheltering of animals and the development of additional animal care and control facilities in the Westside of Los Angeles County.

AW 6: Support policies that implement No Kill Shelters including fostering and adoption programs.

AW 7: Support policies that seek to reduce animal overpopulation, and appropriate funding for spay and neutering programs.

STATE BUDGET (SB)

The legislative affairs team monitors the State budget as soon as it is released in January of each year and then provides comments to the City's State representatives on items that are of interest or concern to the City.

SB 1: Support State budget that includes funding for social and human services to address the needs of vulnerable communities such as persons with mental health, substance use disorder, and/or disabilities, individuals experiencing homelessness, frail seniors, and low-income working families.

SB 2: Support State budget that funds the development of new public infrastructure and the maintenance of roadways and public facilities.

SB 3: Support State budget that includes funding for affordable housing for very low, low, moderate income families.

SB 4: Support State budget that funds food and nutrition, and education support programs for low-income families.

SB 5: Support funding for programs that can assist the most vulnerable in our community during emergencies with emergency shelter, food and nutrition, rental assistance in case of loss of income, etc.

SB 6: Support policies that can provide financial assistance and other forms of legal relief to small real estate businesses and landlords during emergencies that result in tenants' loss of income and their inability to pay rent.

CANNABIS (C)

The City of West Hollywood was among the first cities in the country to support medicinal cannabis and California Proposition 215 in 1996. The City also supported California Proposition 64 in 2016, which legalized the sale, possession, use and cultivation of cannabis.

C1: Support legislation that protects local governments' discretionary authority to regulate cannabis businesses.

C2: Support legislation for the reclassification of cannabis and its removal from Schedule I of the U.S. Controlled Substances Act (CSA) of 1970.

C3: Support legislation for a fair and equitable tax structure.

EDUCATION (ED)

The City of West Hollywood has long advocated for adequate funding levels for education, supported public education and legislative initiatives to protect all students from harassment and discrimination.

ED 1: Support legislation that improves safety in schools.

ED 2: Support legislation that ensures an educational environment that eliminates discrimination and harassment of students.

ED 3: Support legislation that will provide funding for improvements to public schools that directly benefits and enhances students' education, including curriculum, instructional materials, and infrastructure needs.

ED 4: Support career technical education in public schools.

ED 5: Support legislation and funding for the restoration and/or enhancement of arts programs in public schools.

ED 6: Monitor the implementation of the Fair Education Act, Chapter 81, Statutes of 2011 that requires California public schools provide Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful representations of the State's diverse ethnic and cultural population in the K-12 grade history and social studies curriculum.

ED 7: Support policies that allow parents to enroll their children in public schools of their choice instead of limiting enrollment to the families' residence's ZIP code.

EMPLOYMENT /ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (EM/ED)

The City of West Hollywood has advocated for legislation that funds employment training programs and eliminates barriers to entry for Californians. In addition, the City has advocated raising the California and federal minimum wage rates.

EM/ED 1: Support legislation that will increase job opportunities in the City and throughout the State.

EM/ED 2: Support legislation that increases the California and federal minimum wage.

EM/ED 3: Support programs to provide training for job entry and career advancement that will enable City residents to enter the job market and progress to higher-paying, higher-skilled jobs that lead to self-sufficiency.

EM/ED 4: Support legislation that assists workers in balancing home/family/work, including appropriate sick leave and paid family leave benefits.

LGBTQ EQUALITY (LGE)

The City of West Hollywood is home to a large LGBTQ population and a leading advocate for full equality. It is one of the first municipalities in the world to implement a domestic partnership program, well before any government had considered treating LGBTQ people equally.

LGE 1: Support legislation, locally and at the State and federal levels, that assures everyone the right to equal treatment in all government-sponsored benefits or funded programs.

LGE 2: Support legislation at the State and federal levels to protect the civil, fair housing, and equitable employment rights of all persons.

LGE 3: Support legislation that prohibits conversion therapy aimed at LGBTQ+ people.

LGE 4: Support legislation that protects transgender persons from discrimination and

violence.

LGE 5: Support legislation that creates/mandates gender-neutral multi-stall bathrooms.

LGE 6: Support federal legislation, such as the Equality Act, that will grant full equality to LGBTQ+ people in all states and territories of the United States.

FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY (FS)

The City of West Hollywood has exercised fiscal prudence and successfully managed its financial affairs. The City has made it a priority to maximize revenues and keep liabilities in check. As such, the City has enjoyed very high credit and bond ratings.

FS 1: Support legislation that strengthens and expands ongoing revenues for the City.

FS 2: Oppose any legislation or initiative that would undermine voter-approved initiatives to guarantee ongoing revenue sources for local governments.

FS 3: Monitor the State's implementation of changes in State/local fiscal relationship.

FS 4: Oppose legislation that undermines and preempts local authority over local taxes and fees.

FS 5: Support legislative reforms that would remove unwarranted, State-imposed mandates or barriers in the execution of local government programs.

FS 6: Support legislation to streamline the process for State reimbursement of State-imposed mandates.

FS 7: Identify and pursue potential funding sources for City projects, services, and infrastructure needs, including libraries, parks, recreational facilities, etc.

FS 8: Monitor the actions of CalPERS as it relates to any changes in the calculation of State and municipal workers' pension benefits that could potentially impact the fiscal sustainability of the City.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

One of the drivers behind the City's incorporation was the desire by many community members to have discretion over revenues and how those revenues were invested. The City Council has, since the City's incorporation, continuously funded health and human services, at a level exceeding what is expected from or legally required of municipal governments.

Health Services

HHS 1: Support local and State efforts that encourage use of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to protect young people against the HPV virus.

HHS 2: Support legislation that promotes and protects women's reproductive health and personal choices.

HHS 3: Support legislation and funding to provide outreach, education, prevention, and treatment for HIV/AIDS/Sextually Transmitted Infections (STIs), and related health and welfare issues.

HHS 4: Support legislation that funds preventative health care services.

HHS 5: Support federal efforts to preserve the right of terminally or chronically ill patients to use medical cannabis.

HHS 6: Oppose legislation that would reduce access to affordable medical care.

HHS 7: Oppose legislation that repeals or further dismantles the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

HHS 8: Support legislation that aims at making prescription medications more affordable.

HHS 9: Support legislation and funding for programs that provide for the medical care of undocumented immigrants.

HHS 10: Continue to support legislative efforts for the enactment of a "single-payer" health system in California and the United States.

HHS 11: Support legislation and funding for appropriate health, mental health, and social services programs for transgender individuals.

HHS 12: Support legislation and funding for harm reduction and substance use disorder services programs, including, but not limited to, residential detoxification (detox) and treatment programs, safe injection sites/overdose prevention programs, methadone clinics, syringe services programs, etc.

Human Services

HHS 13: Support legislation and funding that enables seniors and people with disabilities to remain in their homes and that provides needed social services, and allows modifications to existing dwellings, and/or moving to units within same buildings without changes to terms of tenancy to accommodate mobility restrictions.

HHS 14: Support legislation to assist at-risk youth.

HHS 15: Support legislation that will increase state and federal funding for the care of injured and disabled veterans of all ages.

HHS 16: Support legislation that addresses the need for housing and supportive services, e.g., health, mental health and substance use disorder services and social services for the City's homeless population.

HHS 17: Support legislation, programs and policies that focus on alleviating food insecurity locally, nationally, and internationally.

HHS 18: Support legislation that encourages policies and programming that promote healthy lifestyles, e.g., physical activity, preventative screenings, healthy eating habits, and core wellness for people of all ages and abilities.

HHS 19: Support legislation to increase funding of and access to community health, mental health, and substance use disorder treatment services.

HHS 20: Support legislation aimed at reforming the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act so that individuals who are gravely mentally ill can be placed under a court-ordered conservatory to prevent harming themselves or others.

HHS 21: Support legislation that creates meaningful enforcement mechanisms to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and that provides technical assistance and funding to businesses to comply with legal requirements.

HHS 22: Support legislation and funding for programs that support individuals experiencing disabilities.

HOUSING & RENT STABILIZATION (H/RS)

Housing and Rent Stabilization is another priority area that is a quintessential part of the City's history. As the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles voted to end rent control in 1984, area seniors, LGBTQ people, and tenants, faced with massive evictions, rallied, and organized a successful city incorporation drive in 1984.

H/RS 1: Support legislation and funding that encourages the production of a diverse housing stock in new developments to address the needs of all socio-economic segments of the community.

H/RS 2: Support legislative, administrative and regulatory efforts that will expand and/or supplement funding for services targeting disabled and frail seniors that enable them to live independently in their naturally occurring retirement communities (NORC).

H/RS 3: Oppose legislation that would prohibit inclusionary housing/zoning unless government subsidies are available for the affordable units.

H/RS 4: Oppose legislation that would preempt local governments' ability to regulate condominium conversions.

H/RS 5: Support increases in State funding for enhancement and expansion of residential code enforcement and other programs that will preserve the quality of the existing housing stock.

H/RS 6: Support efforts to strengthen rent control laws at the State level.

H/RS 7: Support legislation that repeals or amends the Ellis Act.

H/RS 8: Support legislation that authorizes cities to increase relocation benefits for those who are displaced under the Ellis Act.

H/RS 9: Support legislation to repeal the Costa Hawkins Rental Housing Act.

H/RS 10: Monitor legislation addressing Notice of Change in Terms of Tenancy.

H/RS 11: Support legislation that would provide funding for seismic retrofitting of buildings.

H/RS 12: Support legislation that establishes a formula for the fair and equitable allocation of housing units under the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) regulations.

H/RS 13: Support legislation to strengthen the regulation of short-term rentals, including measures to gather information on the number of short-term rentals in the State

of California and the impact short-term rentals have had on the housing market.

INSTITUTIONAL INTEGRITY (II)

The City has made significant efforts to increase transparency in all its affairs and has worked diligently to make City data available to the public.

II 1: Support greater transparency in all levels of governmental institutions.

II 2: Support reforms and more stringent accountability for CalPERS as the provider of health and retirement benefits for most California public employees.

II 3: Support legislation that seeks to implement publicly funded elections.

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE & OPEN SPACE (PI/OS)

Through prudent fiscal management, the City has built reserves and used some of those funds to build new infrastructure and maintain existing facilities. The City, however, cannot do it all and supports legislative initiatives that fairly distribute State and County funds for infrastructure and public parks.

PI/OS 1: Support legislation and funding that aim to support the development and maintenance of urban parks and green space.

PI/OS 2: Support legislation to develop infrastructure for local performing art centers and recreational facilities.

PI/OS 3: Support legislative efforts to maintain and upgrade aging infrastructure.

PI/OS 4: Support legislative efforts that promote and strengthen public green infrastructure such as parkways, urban forest canopy, bioswales, on-site stormwater management, etc.

PI/OS 5: Support legislation to streamline historic preservation regulations and procedures for the designation of properties as historic resources.

PUBLIC SAFETY (PS)

The City has invested in public safety and has made strides to be fully prepared in case of emergencies. In addition, the City Council is committed to ensuring that law enforcement agencies are diverse, representative of the neighborhoods where they serve and that their practices are oriented to serving the entire community without prejudice and void of discriminatory practices.

PS 1: Support enhanced strategies, legislation, and funding for public safety needs (fire, police, commercial code compliance, and disaster preparedness) and coordinated

recovery efforts that do not supplant other City funding, services and/or operations.

PS 2: Support legislation to enhance control of access to guns.

PS 3: Support programs to prevent domestic violence and child abuse.

PS 4: Monitor implementation of State's effort to assure that all rape kits are tested, and the backlog cleared.

PS 5: Support legislation and policies that address the needs of seniors, individuals with disabilities, and at-risk youth following a major disaster or emergency.

PS 6: Support efforts to eradicate human trafficking.

PS 7: Support efforts to reform law enforcement agencies' hiring and training practices aimed at preventing racial profiling and ensuring equal treatment without regard of race/ethnicity.

PS 8: Support legislation and funding for social services personnel and behavioral health professionals to respond to emergency calls involving individuals experiencing mental health and/or substance use challenges.

PS 9: Support legislation that requires law enforcement officers to wear body cameras. Ensure that any technology used for this initiative does not violate community members' right to privacy.

SOCIAL JUSTICE (SJ)

The City's incorporation was also driven by an intense belief in social justice and the need to end discrimination against LGBTQ people as well as minorities. Thus, social justice issues are of concern to the City. In recent years and responding to changes in community needs, the City Council has advocated for laws and initiatives that eradicate systemic racism and that address disparities in the treatment of people of color. In addition, the City Council has supported initiatives aimed at reforming the justice system and its sentencing practices and supported the alternatives to incarceration initiatives proposed by community stakeholders in Los Angeles County.

SJ 1: Encourage and support adoption of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) as the 28th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

SJ 2: Support legislation and initiatives that place emphasis on rehabilitation and successful transition of incarcerated individuals back into their communities.

SJ 3: Support legislation and initiatives that seek to reform the criminal justice system's sentencing guidelines and practices that have disproportionately impacted people of color.

SJ 4: Support legislation and initiatives that promote alternatives to incarceration and that aim to end systemic racism and disparities in the treatment of Black people, indigenous people, and people of color within the criminal justice system.

SJ 5: Support legislative efforts to end cash bail in California and to implement an arraignment system that ensures the equitable and fair treatment of defendants in the criminal justice system.

SJ 6: Support legislation that requires law enforcement officers to wear body cameras using technology that protects community members' privacy.

SJ 7: Support legislation and funding for training/education programs of all State and local governments' employees on anti-systemic racism and cultural biases.

SJ 8: Support legislation that de-certifies law enforcement officers who have committed serious misconduct.

SJ 9: Support legislation and regulations for the creation of a national database that includes, but not limited to, personnel background information of law enforcement officers who have been dismissed from law enforcement agencies due to misconduct and grievous acts against community members.

SJ 10: Support policies that prevent law enforcement officers from using certain tactics such as carotid restraints or chokeholds, which can lead to the death of a detainee.

SJ 11: Support legislation that ends or limits qualified immunity.

SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATION (SI)

The City of West Hollywood has taken an early lead in adopting forward-thinking policies to reduce its carbon footprint. The City is one of the first municipalities in the United States to adopt a green building ordinance. In addition, the City has long advocated for reduction of waste, maximizing reuse, repurposing and recycling opportunities, and the use of renewable energies.

SI 1: Support legislation that promotes the utilization and equitable expansion of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure across the State, particularly in areas with high-density multi-unit dwellings.

SI 2: Support legislation that aims to decarbonize the economy and incentivizes the use of alternative technologies aimed at protecting the environment, promoting renewable energy, reducing energy consumption, and mitigating greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

SI 3: Support legislation that promotes and provides funding and incentives, and technical assistance for retrofitting existing buildings to meet green building standards.

SI 4: Support State, county and local programs that promote the ongoing adoption of progressive green building and energy codes and encourage the incorporation of climate adaptation and resiliency measures in design and construction practices for commercial and residential development.

SI 5: Support the expansion of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) initiatives across the State.

SI 6: Support economic incentives and assistance to innovative in-State businesses that utilize local and recycled materials as an alternative to shipping refuse overseas.

SI 7: Support effort to further reduce the State's dependence on landfills.

SI 8: Support legislation requiring manufacturers to be responsible for safe disposal or for reuse of their products and by-products, e.g., sharps and fluorescent lights.

SI 9: Support legislative and administrative efforts to decrease greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and reduce air pollution throughout the State.

SI 10: Support legislation that removes obstacles for and provides funding and tax incentives to residential and commercial property owners for the purchase and/or installation of renewable energy and battery storage technologies.

SI 11: Support efforts to rebate and/or credit residential and commercial property owners for returning into the grid, excess onsite-generated power.

SI 12: Support legislation that facilitates the abatement of excessive noise in the City.

SI 13: Support legislation that promotes water conservation and efficiency in California, including drought preparedness even when there is not a statewide drought mandate.

SI 14: Support legislation that promotes and protects the ocean and ocean resources.

SI 15: Support legislation that promotes tree plantings, mature tree preservation,

wildlife and habitat protection, and biodiversity.

SI 16: Support legislation that mandates the closure of all abandoned/idled oil and gas infrastructure.

SI 17: Support legislation that requires or incentivizes net zero emissions in construction and use.

SI 18: Support legislation that expands recycling and/or compost programs, including for multi-unit private dwellings.

SI 19: Support legislation, programs, and funding to close the digital divide and maximize access to broadband and 5G technologies to all Californians.

SI 20: Support legislation and funding for the conversion of streetlights to high efficiency technologies such as LED.

TRANSPORTATION (T)

The City has advocated for and continues to support the creation of new funding sources for transportation programs and maintenance of roadways and bridges across California. In addition, the City has long been a champion of public transportation and advocated for expansion of Metro rail service in Los Angeles County and through West Hollywood.

T 1: Support current State and federal funding levels and encourage increased funding and flexibility in both operating and capital funding for mass transit.

T 2: Support legislation that provides incentives for the development of local transportation corridors.

T 3: Support legislation that promotes and accelerates local, regional, and statewide clean and equitable mobility options, transportation electrification and zero emissions goods movement

T 4: Support local, regional, State, and federal legislative, administrative, and regulatory efforts that will expand and/or supplement funding for maintaining transportation service program funds for employee benefits or for specific Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) transportation programs and passenger rail service.

T 5: Support local, regional, State, and federal legislative, administrative, and regulatory efforts that will expand and/or supplement funding for maintaining and upgrading major thoroughfares in the City.

T 6: Support State strategies that support transit-oriented residential development through direct funding, tax credits and technical assistance.

T 7: Support increased State and federal resources to mitigate traffic congestion and vehicles miles traveled on City streets and rebuild and maintain roads.

T 8: Support legislation that promotes multimodal, complete streets to ensure the safety and comfort of all users of City streets, such as vehicle drivers, bicyclists, scooter users, users of parklets, and pedestrians.

T 9: Support legislation and funding of distracted driver education programs.

T 10: Support legislation and funding that reimburses cities for the “wear and tear” on city streets caused by public transit heavy buses.

T 11: Support legislation that expedites legal challenges to environmental review (CEQA) of urban rail projects.

URBAN BALANCE/LAND USE (UB/LU)

The City works constantly to balance the needs of local residents and the activities that are customary for a densely populated urban area that is a nightlife and entertainment destination. As such, the City has advocated for State land use legislation that provides for a balanced approach to community development and does not arbitrarily limit local determination.

UB/LU 1: Support legislation that provides protection for individual homeowners while allowing local governments to utilize the right of eminent domain in an appropriate and fair manner.

UB/LU 2: Oppose legislation that preempts local governments' ability to incidentally regulate and exercise its enforcement powers.

UB/LU 3: Oppose legislation and regulations that preempt local governments' land use authority.

UB/LU 4: Support smart growth initiatives that provide incentives to local governments that promote balanced growth.

UB/LU 5: Advocate for equitable distribution of recycling centers across Southern California to preserve quality of life of residential neighborhoods.

SAB/DAB Relevant Bills

AB 1684 **(Voepel R) Alzheimer's disease: public awareness campaign.**
Introduced: 1/24/2022
Last Amend: 4/7/2022
Status: 4/18/2022-Re-referred to Com. on AGING & L.T.C.
Is Fiscal: Y
Location: 2/3/2022-A. AGING & L.T.C.

Desk	**Policy**	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Existing law requires the State Department of Public Health to provide, or contract for the provision of, public and professional education on Alzheimer's disease for consumers, caregivers, and health care providers. This bill would require the department to implement a public awareness campaign, as specified, and include education for unpaid caregivers. The bill would also make related legislative findings and declarations.

Position	Assigned
Watch	Social Svcs, Strategic Initiatives

AB 1707 **(Boerner Horvath D) Property tax postponement: Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund.**
Introduced: 1/26/2022
Status: 3/30/2022-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.
Is Fiscal: Y
Location: 3/30/2022-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Desk	Policy	**Fiscal**	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Existing law authorizes the Controller, upon approval of a claim for the postponement of ad valorem property taxes, to directly pay a county tax collector for the property taxes owed by the claimant, as provided. Existing law establishes the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund and continuously appropriates moneys in the fund to the Controller for specified purposes, including disbursements relating to the postponement of property taxes pursuant to the Property Tax Postponement Law. Existing law requires the Controller to, on June 30, 2018, and on June 30 each year thereafter, transfer any moneys in the fund in excess of $15,000,000 to the General Fund.The bill would require money to be transferred, on June 30, 2023, and on June 30 each year thereafter, from the General Fund to the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund when the balance in the latter fund is less than $15,000,000. The bill would require the amount of money transferred each year to be equal to the sum needed to bring the balance of the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund to $15,000,000. By authorizing the expenditure of additional General Fund moneys for the purpose of the property tax postponement program, this bill would make an appropriation.
Vote Events:
03/21/2022 ASM. REV. & TAX (Y:11 N:0 A:0) (P)

Position	Assigned
Watch	Social Svcs

AB 1809 **(Aguiar-Curry D) Nursing Facility Resident Informed Consent Protection Act of 2022.**
Introduced: 2/7/2022
Last Amend: 3/30/2022
Status: 3/31/2022-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Is Fiscal: Y
Location: 3/29/2022-A. APPR.

Desk	Policy	**Fiscal**	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of health facilities, including skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities, by the State Department of Public Health. Existing law requires skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities to have written policies regarding the rights of patients. This bill would add to these rights the right of every resident to receive the information that is material to an individual's decision concerning whether to accept or refuse any proposed treatment or procedure, including information relating to the administration of psychotherapeutic drugs, as specified. This bill would also add the right to be free from psychotherapeutic drugs used for the purpose of resident discipline, convenience, or chemical restraint, except in an emergency that threatens to cause immediate injury to the resident or others.

This bill would make the prescriber responsible for disclosing the material information relating to psychotherapeutic drugs to the resident and obtaining their informed consent, as defined. The bill would require facility staff to verify that a resident's health record contains a signed, written consent form prior to administering psychotherapeutic drugs. The bill would declare the willful or repeated violation of these provisions to be punishable as a misdemeanor. By establishing a new crime, the bill would create a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Vote Events:
03/29/2022 ASM. JUD. (Y:7 N:0 A:3) (P)
03/22/2022 ASM. HEALTH (Y:10 N:0 A:4) (P)

Position	Assigned
Watch	C&LA

AB 1878 **(Wood D) California Health Benefit Exchange: affordability assistance.**

Introduced: 2/8/2022

Status: 4/6/2022-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (April 5). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Is Fiscal: Y

Location: 4/5/2022-A. APPR.

Desk	Policy	**Fiscal**	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Existing federal law, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), requires each state to establish an American Health Benefit Exchange to facilitate the purchase of qualified health benefit plans by qualified individuals and qualified small employers. Existing state law creates the California Health Benefit Exchange (Exchange), also known as Covered California, to facilitate the enrollment of qualified individuals and qualified small employers in qualified health plans as required under PPACA. Existing law requires the Exchange, in consultation with stakeholders and the Legislature, to develop options for providing cost-sharing reduction subsidies to reduce cost sharing for low- and middle-income Californians, and requires the Exchange to report the developed options on or before January 1, 2022. Existing law requires the options to include, among other things, options for all Covered California enrollees with income up to 400 percent of the federal poverty level to reduce cost sharing, including copays, deductibles, coinsurance, and maximum out-of-pocket costs.This bill would require the Exchange to implement those options for providing health care affordability assistance. The bill would require the affordability assistance to reduce cost sharing, including copays, coinsurance, and maximum out-of-pocket costs, and to eliminate deductibles for all benefits. The bill would specify the actuarial value of cost-sharing assistance based on the income level of an enrollee, and would require the Exchange to adopt standard benefit designs consistent with these specifications.

Vote Events:
04/05/2022 ASM. HEALTH (Y:13 N:0 A:2) (P)

Position	Assigned
Watch	C&LA

AB 1891 **(Choi R) Income tax credits: leased or rented property: persons receiving housing services or assistance.**

Introduced: 2/9/2022

Last Amend: 4/5/2022

Status: 4/6/2022-Re-referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

Is Fiscal: Y

Location: 3/24/2022-A. REV. & TAX

Desk	**Policy**	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law allow various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws. This bill, under both laws, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, and before January 1, 2028, would allow a credit against those taxes to a taxpayer that owns a unit rented to, or leased by, persons receiving housing services or assistance, as specified, at below market rates, in an amount equal to the difference between the annual current rental market rate for the unit and the annual below market rate the unit is rented at, not to exceed $500 for each qualified property owned by the taxpayer, and not to exceed $5,000, cumulatively, per taxpayer per taxable year. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position	Assigned
Watch	C&LA

AB 1933 **(Friedman D) Property taxation: welfare exemption: nonprofit corporation: low and moderate income families.**

Introduced: 2/10/2022

Status: 4/4/2022-In committee: Hearing for testimony only.
Is Fiscal: Y
Location: 2/18/2022-A. REV. & TAX

Desk	**Policy**	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Existing property tax law, in accordance with the California Constitution, provides for a "welfare exemption" for property used exclusively for religious, hospital, scientific, or charitable purposes and that is owned or operated by certain types of nonprofit entities, if certain qualifying criteria are met. Existing property tax law states that property is within that welfare exemption if the property is owned and operated by a nonprofit corporation, otherwise qualifying for the welfare exemption, that is organized and operated for the specific and primary purpose of building and rehabilitating single or multifamily residences for sale at cost to low-income families, with financing in the form of a zero interest rate loan and without regard to religion, race, national origin, or the sex of the head of household.This bill would also provide that property is fully exempt from property taxation and is also within that welfare exemption if that property is owned and operated by a nonprofit corporation, as described, that is organized and operated for the specific and primary purpose of building and rehabilitating single or multifamily residential units and the units meet specified requirements. The bill would prohibit the denial of this exemption for property not previously designated as open space on the basis that the property does not currently include a single or multifamily residential unit, as described, or a single or multifamily residential unit, as described, that is in the course of construction. The bill would require a nonprofit corporation that utilizes this welfare exemption to be subject to an annual independent audit and to make the audit available to specified entities. By adding to the duties of local tax officials, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position	**Assigned**
Watch	C&LA

AB 1941 **(Salas D) State Supplementary Program for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled: aid amount.**
Introduced: 2/10/2022
Last Amend: 4/7/2022
Status: 4/18/2022-Re-referred to Com. on HUM. S.
Is Fiscal: Y
Location: 2/18/2022-A. HUM. S.

Desk	**Policy**	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Existing law establishes the State Supplementary Program for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (SSP), which requires the State Department of Social Services to contract with the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to make payments to SSP recipients to supplement Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments made available pursuant to the federal Social Security Act. Under existing law, benefit payments under SSP are calculated by establishing the maximum level of nonexempt income and federal SSI and state SSP benefits for each category of eligible recipient. The state SSP payment is the amount required, when added to the nonexempt income and SSI benefits available to the recipient, to provide the maximum benefit payment. Existing law, commencing January 1, 2022, requires the amount of aid paid under SSP that is in effect on December 31, 2021, less the federal benefit portion received, to be increased by a percentage increase that the State Department of Social Services and the Department of Finance determines can be accomplished with $291,287,000, and, subject to an appropriation in the Budget Act of 2023, requires an additional grant increase commencing January 1, 2024, subject to the same calculations, notifications, and implementation as the first increase. Existing law continuously appropriates funds for the implementation of SSP. This bill would, commencing January 1, 2023, and each year thereafter, subject to an appropriation in the annual Budget Act, require the amount of SSP aid paid, in effect on December 31 of the previous year less the federal benefit portion received, to be increased by $600 if there was a surplus in the state budget for that fiscal year. The bill would provide that the continuous appropriation would not be made for purposes of implementing these provisions. This bill contains other existing laws.

Position	**Assigned**
Watch	Social Svcs

AB 1962 **(Voepel R) Telephone support services: seniors and individuals with disabilities.**
Introduced: 2/10/2022
Status: 2/18/2022-Referred to Com. on AGING & L.T.C.
Is Fiscal: Y
Location: 2/18/2022-A. AGING & L.T.C.

Desk	**Policy**	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Existing law, subject to an appropriation, establishes an Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) program, administered by the California Department of Aging, to provide

information to consumers and their families on available long-term services and supports (LTSS) programs and to assist older adults, caregivers, and persons with disabilities in accessing LTSS programs at the local level. Under existing law, area agencies on aging and independent living centers are the core local partners in developing ADRC programs, after completing an application to be designated as an ADRC program.This bill would, subject to an appropriation, require the department to establish a grant program, with funds awarded to area agencies on aging and independent living centers, for the purpose of providing telephone support services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. The bill would require a grant recipient to coordinate with paraprofessional volunteers, who would receive training to recognize when a professional referral should be made. The bill would also require a grant recipient to contact seniors and individuals with disabilities and provide a "listening setting" through the telephone support service to identify available resources for reducing anxiety or other behavioral challenges, in order to combat social isolation and to help rebuild social capital.

Position	Assigned
Watch	Social Svcs, Strategic Initiatives

AB 2020 **(Gallagher R) Mental health services: gravely disabled.**

Introduced: 2/14/2022
Last Amend: 3/10/2022
Status: 3/14/2022-Re-referred to Com. on HEALTH.
Is Fiscal: Y
Location: 2/24/2022-A. HEALTH

Desk	**Policy**	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Existing law, the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, provides for the involuntary commitment and treatment of a person who is a danger to themselves or others or who is gravely disabled. Existing law also provides for a conservator of the person or estate to be appointed for a person who is gravely disabled. Existing law, for the purposes of involuntary commitment and conservatorship, defines "gravely disabled," among other things, as a condition in which a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, is unable to provide for the basic personal needs of food, clothing, or shelter. This bill would, if a county elects to use this meaning and subject to an appropriation of funds for these purposes, expand the definition of "gravely disabled" for these purposes to mean a condition in which a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, is incapable of making informed decisions about, or providing for, their own basic personal needs for food, clothing, shelter, or medical care without significant supervision and assistance from another person and, as a result of being incapable of making these informed decisions, the person is at risk of substantial bodily harm, dangerous worsening of a concomitant serious physical illness, significant psychiatric deterioration, or mismanagement of essential needs that could result in bodily harm. The bill would also, if a county elects to use this meaning and subject to an appropriation of funds for these purposes, define "gravely disabled" to mean a condition in which a person has an incapacity to provide informed consent to treatment due to anosognosia.

Position	Assigned
Watch	Strategic Initiatives

AB 2077 **(Calderon D) Medi-Cal: monthly maintenance amount: personal and incidental needs.**

Introduced: 2/14/2022
Last Amend: 3/24/2022
Status: 4/6/2022-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.
Is Fiscal: Y
Location: 4/6/2022-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Desk	Policy	**Fiscal**	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid provisions. Qualified individuals under the Medi-Cal program include medically needy persons and medically needy family persons who meet the required eligibility criteria, including applicable income requirements. Existing law requires the department to establish income levels for maintenance need at the lowest levels that reasonably permit a medically needy person to meet their basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter, and for which federal financial participation will still be provided under applicable federal law. In calculating the income of a medically needy person in a medical institution or nursing facility, or a person receiving institutional or noninstitutional services from a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly organization, the required monthly maintenance amount includes an amount providing for

personal and incidental needs in the amount of not less than $35 per month while a patient. Existing law authorizes the department to increase, by regulation, this amount as necessitated by increasing costs of personal and incidental needs. This bill would increase the monthly maintenance amount for personal and incidental needs from $35 to $80. This bill contains other existing laws.

Vote Events:

03/22/2022 ASM. HEALTH (Y:14 N:0 A:0) (P)

Position	Assigned
Watch	Social Svcs

AB 2164 **(Lee D) Disability access: funding.**

Introduced: 2/15/2022

Last Amend: 3/23/2022

Status: 4/6/2022-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Is Fiscal: Y

Location: 4/6/2022-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Desk	Policy	**Fiscal**	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: The federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the California Building Standards Code require that specified buildings, structures, and facilities be accessible to, and usable by, persons with disabilities. Existing law establishes a Disability Access and Education Revolving Fund, a continuously appropriated fund, within the Division of the State Architect for purposes of increasing disability access and compliance with construction-related accessibility requirements and developing educational resources for businesses to facilitate compliance with federal and state disability laws, as specified. This bill would expand the purpose of the fund to include providing financial assistance to small businesses, as defined, for construction of physical accessibility improvements. By expanding the purpose of a continuously appropriated fund, this bill would make an appropriation. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Vote Events:

03/22/2022 ASM. JUD. (Y:8 N:1 A:0) (P)

Position	Assigned
Watch	Social Svcs

AB 2547 **(Nazarian D) Housing Stabilization to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Older Adults and People with Disabilities Act.**

Introduced: 2/17/2022

Last Amend: 3/23/2022

Status: 4/6/2022-Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on AGING & L.T.C. (Ayes 5. Noes 1.) (April 5). Re-referred to Com. on AGING & L.T.C.

Is Fiscal: Y

Location: 4/5/2022-A. AGING & L.T.C.

Desk	**Policy**	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Existing law, the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act, establishes the California Department of Aging and states that the mission of the department is to provide leadership to area agencies on aging in developing systems of home- and community-based services that maintain individuals in their own homes or least restrictive homelike environments. Existing law establishes the Senior Housing Information and Support Center within the department to serve various functions, including, among others, serving as a clearinghouse for information for seniors and their families regarding available innovative resources and senior services and promoting education and training for professionals who work directly with seniors in order to maximize opportunities for independent living. This bill, upon appropriation by the Legislature, would require the California Department of Aging, by December 31, 2023, to create and administer the Housing Stabilization to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Older Adults and People with Disabilities Program. The bill would require the department, in administering the program, to offer competitive grants to nonprofit community-based organizations, continuums of care, and public housing authorities to administer a housing subsidy program for older adults and persons with a disability that are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, as those terms are as defined. The bill would require the department, in establishing program guidelines, to prioritize communities where renters face high rates of poverty, displacement, gentrification, and homelessness. This bill contains other related provisions.

Vote Events:

04/05/2022 ASM. H. & C.D. (Y:5 N:1 A:2) (P)

Position	Assigned
Watch	Social Svcs, Strategic Initiatives

AB 2548 **(Nazarian D) Healthier Homes - Age in Place Nursing Program.**

Introduced: 2/17/2022

Last Amend: 3/24/2022

Status: 3/30/2022-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (March 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Is Fiscal: Y

Location: 3/29/2022-A. APPR.

Desk	Policy	**Fiscal**	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Existing law establishes the California Department of Aging to provide leadership to the area agencies on aging in developing systems of home- and community-based services that maintain individuals in their own homes or the least restrictive homelike environments. Existing law permits age restrictions in connection with housing and defines senior citizen housing developments for these purposes as a residential development for senior citizens that has at least 35 dwelling units. This bill would require the department to establish and administer the Healthier Homes - Age in Place Nursing Pilot Program in the Counties of Contra Costa, Fresno, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, Shasta, and Sonoma. The program would provide grant funds to qualified nonprofit organizations that specialize in resident services for the purposes of hiring one full-time registered nurse and one full-time community health worker to work at 3 senior citizen housing developments in each county to provide health education, navigation, coaching, and care to residents. The bill would require the department to submit a report to specified legislative committees and state agencies on or before January 1, 2029, and would repeal the program as of January 1, 2030.

Vote Events:

03/29/2022 ASM. AGING & L.T.C. (Y:7 N:0 A:0) (P)

Position	Assigned
Watch	Strategic Initiatives

SB 853 **(Wiener D) Prescription drug coverage.**

Introduced: 1/19/2022

Last Amend: 2/28/2022

Status: 3/29/2022-Set for hearing April 20.

Is Fiscal: Y

Location: 1/26/2022-S. HEALTH

Desk	**Policy**	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Existing law, the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, provides for the licensure and regulation of health care service plans by the Department of Managed Health Care, and makes a willful violation of the act a crime. Existing law provides for the regulation of health insurers by the Department of Insurance. Existing law generally authorizes a health care service plan or health insurer to use utilization review, under which a licensed physician or a licensed health care professional who is competent to evaluate specific clinical issues may approve, modify, delay, or deny requests for health care services based on medical necessity. Existing law prohibits a health care service plan contract that covers prescription drug benefits or a specified health insurance policy from limiting or excluding coverage for a drug on the basis that the drug is prescribed for a use that is different from the use for which it was approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration if specified conditions are met. Existing law also prohibits a health care service plan that covers prescription drug benefits from limiting or excluding coverage for a drug that was previously approved for coverage if an enrollee continues to be prescribed that drug, as specified. This bill would expand the above-described prohibitions to prohibit limiting or excluding coverage of a dose of a drug or dosage form. The bill would require a health care service plan contract or health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2023, that covers prescription drug benefits to provide coverage for a drug, dose of a drug, or dosage form during utilization review and any appeals if that drug has been previously approved for a medical condition of the enrollee or insured and has been prescribed by a health care provider. The bill would prohibit a plan or insurer from seeking reimbursement for that coverage if the final utilization review decision is to deny coverage for the prescription drug, dose, or dosage form. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position	Assigned
Watch	Social Svcs

SB 861 **(Limón D) Dementia Care Navigator Grant Program.**

Introduced: 1/20/2022

Status: 4/18/2022-April 18 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.

Is Fiscal: Y

Location: 4/18/2022-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Desk	Policy	**Fiscal**	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Existing law, the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act, establishes the California Department of Aging in the California Health and Human Services Agency, and sets forth its mission to provide leadership to the area agencies on aging in developing systems of home- and community-based services that maintain individuals in their own homes or least restrictive homelike environments. Existing law requires the department to administer and implement the Aging and Disability Resource Connection program, in collaboration with the Department of Rehabilitation and the State Department of Health Care services.This bill would establish the Dementia Care Navigator Grant Program, to be administered by the California Department of Aging, in partnership with organizations with expertise using community health workers, promotores, and health navigators. The bill would provide that the purpose of the program is to incentivize organizations that provide services to local communities to provide dementia care navigation training services, as defined. The bill would authorize organizations with expertise using community health workers, promotores, and health navigators to apply for a grant. The bill would require the department to award grants on a competitive basis. The bill would require an organization that receives a grant pursuant to these provisions to provide to the department an annual report on the services provided on or before December 31 of the year the grant is received, as specified. The bill would also require the department to provide a report to the relevant policy committees of the Legislature on or before December 1, 2025, and annually thereafter. Implementation of these provisions would be contingent upon an appropriation. This bill contains other related provisions.

Vote Events:
04/18/2022 SEN. APPR. (Y:7 N:0 A:0) (P)
03/29/2022 SEN. HUM. S. (Y:4 N:0 A:1) (P)

Position	**Assigned**
Watch	Social Svcs, Strategic Initiatives

SB 939 **(Pan D) Prescription drug pricing.**

Introduced: 2/8/2022
Last Amend: 3/15/2022
Status: 3/28/2022-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Is Fiscal: N
Location: 3/28/2022-S. THIRD READING

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	**Floor**	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Existing federal law requires the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to enter into an agreement with each manufacturer of covered outpatient drugs to ensure the amount a covered entity is required to pay for those drugs does not exceed the average manufacturer price of the drug under the federal Medicaid program. Existing state law requires a covered entity to dispense only drugs subject to these federal pricing requirements to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Existing law defines a "covered entity" to include a federally qualified health center and entities receiving specified grants and federal funding. This bill would prohibit a pharmacy benefit manager from discriminating against a covered entity or its pharmacy in connection with dispensing a drug subject to federal pricing requirements or preventing a covered entity from retaining the benefit of discounted pricing for those drugs. The bill would prohibit a drug manufacturer that is subject to federal pricing requirements from imposing preconditions, limitations, delays, or other barriers to the purchase of covered drugs that are not required under federal law or regulations.

Vote Events:
03/23/2022 SEN. HEALTH (Y:9 N:1 A:1) (P)

Position	**Assigned**
Watch	Social Svcs

SB 1446 **(Stern D) Mental health care guaranteed rights.**

Introduced: 2/18/2022
Last Amend: 4/18/2022
Status: 4/18/2022-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on HEALTH.
Is Fiscal: Y
Location: 3/9/2022-S. HEALTH

Desk	**Policy**	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Existing law establishes various state and local programs for the provision of mental health and housing assistance services within the jurisdiction of the State Department of Health Care Services, the State Department of Public Health, the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, the

California Housing Finance Agency, and county public health or behavioral health departments, among other entities. Existing law provides that, to the extent resources are available, community mental health services should use a client-centered approach that includes having an identifiable person or team responsible for their support and treatment and having a mental health advocate available to ensure their rights as mental health consumers. Existing law also requires each local mental health director to appoint, or contract for the services of, one or more county patients' rights advocates. Under this bill, an individual who lacks supportive housing and mental health services and is otherwise not living safely in the community would have a right to receive (1) mental health services, including inpatient and outpatient care, as specified, and (2) access to supportive services that are needs-based. Under the bill, supportive services would include access to inpatient and step-down treatment beds, a recovery facilitator that would assist with navigation and linkage to appropriate and necessary resources and services for the individual, and Housing That Heals, defined to mean a mental health residential program that meets certain conditions. The bill would also make related legislative findings. This bill contains other existing laws.

Position	**Assigned**
Watch	Social Svcs

Total Measures: 17
Total Tracking Forms: 17

CELEBRATE IN MAY!

IT'S SENIOR MONTH 2022!

HIGHLIGHTS

Eddy's World
Thursday, May 5th at 1PM
Contact: Alex Pagan-Mejia at apagan-mejia@jfsla.org or 213-248-6595
A documentary film screening about a 100 year-old toy inventor who shares his philosophies of life and his wisdom on aging. Followed by a discussion with Lyn Goldfarb, director and producer of Eddy's World.

NAMI Virtual LA Mental Health Town Hall
Wednesday, May 11th from 5-7PM
Contact: Moya Márquez at mmarquez@weho.org or 323-848-6574
Co-sponsored by the City of West Hollywood, this community-based event will focus on advocacy and awareness of the needs of community members and coincides with National Mental Health Awareness Month.

Maysky Classical Night
Saturday, May 14th 5PM
Contact: wehorusevents@weho.org or 323-848-6501
Benefitting refugees from Ukraine, American Russian-speaking musicians will perform classical music.

Seniors in Action: Community + Connection + Conversation
Tuesday, May 24th from 1-2:30PM
Contact: Alex Pagan-Mejia at apagan-mejia@jfsla.org or 213-248-6595
Activities that provide engaging opportunities for participants to learn something new, contribute their talents and experience, and deepen their connection to the West Hollywood community. This is an interactive experience, so be prepared to participate!

Senior Advisory Board Televised Meeting
Wednesday, May 25th at 2PM
Contact: Social Services Division (323) 848-6510
Participate in the Senior Advisory Board's discussions of important community issues for older adults in West Hollywood.

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JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE LA

LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER

Arts and Cultural Celebrations

Say It With Music: The Story of Irving Berlin
Tuesday, May 3rd at 11AM
Contact: Alex Pagan-Mejia at apagan-mejia@jfsla.org or 213-248-6595
Irving Berlin, famous composer and lyricist, is widely considered the greatest songwriter in history. Please join us for a presentation on Irving Berlin's story "Say It With Music".

Lost Memories
Tuesday, May 3rd at 2PM
Contact: Alex Pagan-Mejia at apagan-mejia@jfsla.org or 213-248-6595
Watch this mini-series about the challenges of Alzheimer's, followed by a Q&A with writer/director Jessica Silvetti and the series' main actor. Presented by Alzheimer's Los Angeles.

Recuerdos Perdidos
Miercoles, 4 de Mayo a las 2
Contact: Alex Pagan-Mejia at apagan-mejia@jfsla.org or 213-248-6595
Siga la familia Ramirez en una miniserie de 4 capítulos mientras enfrentan los desafíos de la enfermedad de Alzheimer. Despues de cada capítulo, habra una conversación. Escrito y dirigido por Jessica Silvetti.

L50+ WomensArt
Saturday, May 7th, 14th, and 21st from 2-4PM
Contact: RSVP by May 4th to seniors@lalgbtcenter.org or 323-860-5830
IN-PERSON, Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Senior Center
WomensArt is a space for women to see themselves reflected in a variety of art mediums. Come explore your inner artist and enjoy the company of others.

Jewish Wagons West - 3 Part Series
Tuesdays, May 10th, 17th, and 24th at 1PM
Contact: Alex Pagan0-Mejia at apagan-mejia@jfsla.org or 213-248-6595
Learn about the hazardous journey and experiences of Jewish Americans as they migrated West. Presented by award winning journalist, Andree Aelion Brooks.

I am Not a Virus: Revisiting the Perpetual Foreigner Stereotype in the Time of COVID-19
Wednesday, May 11th at 11AM
Contact: Alex Pagan-Mejia at apagan-mejia@jfsla.org or 213-248-6595
Join us for this virtual museum visit! Presented by The New York Museum of Chinese Art.

National LGBTQ Elders Day - Resilience Documentary Premiere
Monday, May 16th, 4PM and 6:30PM screenings and Q&A; 5PM reception and gallery exhibition
Contact: seniors@lalgbtcenter.org or 323-860-5830
IN-PERSON, Renberg Theatre 1125 N. McCadden Place. Los Angeles, CA 90083
Eight seniors, isolated by the global pandemic, reflect on their LGBTQ identity and community.

Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) Celebration
Thursday, May 19th at 12PM
Contact: Alex Pagan-Mejia at apagan-mejia@jfsla.org or 213-248-6595
Join us as we celebrate APIA historical figures!

Health and Wellness Events

Aging and Vision Loss
Monday, May 9th at 1PM
Contact: Alex Pagan-Mejia at apagan-mejia@jfsla.org or 213-248-6595
Learn about some common vision problems that come with age and steps you can take to prevent them. Presented by Independence at Home.

For Your Health - Let's Talk About Depression; Managing Stress and Anxiety
Tuesday, May 10th and 17th at 12PM
Contact: Alex Pagan-Mejia at apagan-mejia@jfsla.org or 213-248-6595
Presented by Dr. Amit Parikh, Internal Medicine, Optum-Mission Hills.

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD APRIL 27, 2022
NEW BUSINESS

SUBJECT: **EXPANDING ON-DEMAND TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS IN WEST HOLLYWOOD**

INITIATED BY: **HUMAN SERVICES & RENT STABILIZATION DEPARTMENT**
(David Giugni, Social Services Manager)
(Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator)

STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT:

The Senior Advisory Board will receive a report focused on the City's vision for demand-responsive transportation in West Hollywood.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1) Receive and comment.
2) Recommend that the City transition from Dial-A-Ride to a MicroTransit Program that prioritizes older adults and community members living with a disability while providing service to the general public.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

In the United States, public transportation agencies are introducing a new on-demand, shared, and dynamic transportation model designed to supplement traditional fixed-route bus and train services. This service —referred to as MicroTransit— is enabled by technology similar to the mobile smartphone applications pioneered by privately operated transportation network companies like Uber and Lyft. LA Metro, Orange County Transportation Authority, and the City of San Gabriel are some local agencies that have recently launched MicroTransit programs with positive results.

This report will provide information about MicroTransit and specifics on how this service can transform the City's underperforming Dial-A-Ride program into a more efficient service that enhances the user experience and serves more community members at a significantly lower cost per passenger trip.

An Introduction to MicroTransit

The term MicroTransit is relatively new but describes what can be thought of more generally as "flexible transit." Conceptually, MicroTransit fits somewhere between individual private transportation (e.g., Uber, Lyft, taxicabs) and public transit. MicroTransit allows agencies to offer passengers an on-demand option that is more flexible than fixed shuttle routes and appointment-like paratransit and is powered by Innovative technology

that uses algorithms to route and schedule trips in real-time. The software uses live, on-the-ground information to add people traveling in the same direction into the same vehicle, allowing passengers to be picked up and dropped off in a continuous stream that translates into a ride system that's highly efficient and environmentally friendly.

In addition to promoting operational efficiencies, MicroTransit software improves the rider experience compared to traditional demand response programs that require an advance reservation by phone. With MicroTransit, passengers can book a trip using a smartphone application, web portal, or by calling the program's call center. In addition, riders can request trips on-demand for travel within minutes of requesting a ride, in advance for travel at a future date or time, and riders can sign up for subscription rides. Passengers who use a smartphone or web portal to book a ride can track their vehicle in real-time, similar to what individuals experience when using a rideshare service like Uber or Lyft.

Existing Demand Response Service in West Hollywood

A demand response program involves passenger trips generated by calls from riders or their agents to the transit operator, who then dispatches a vehicle to pick the passengers up and transport them to their destinations. The City currently operates a Dial-A-Ride program that meets this criteria.

Dial-A-Ride is a shared ride, curb-to-curb van service available to West Hollywood residents age 62+ or a person living with a disability (all ages). The service provides transportation to any destination within West Hollywood and Beverly Hills and major medical facilities located within five miles of the City of West Hollywood's borders.

To use Dial-A-Ride, eligible residents must first register with the program. Once enrolled, participants call Dial-A-Ride three to four days before they need the service to schedule their trip. The City often receives feedback from Dial-A-Ride users regarding the program's trip request process. Many users find the process dated and would like the program to offer more same-day or on-demand service.

Over the last six years, Dial-A-Ride has experienced declining ridership. In 2016, the program provided 50 trips per day; currently, the program offers approximately 12 rides daily. As Dial-A-Ride's ridership declined and operating expenses increased, the average cost per passenger trip rose. In 2016, the program's average cost per trip was $48.45. By the Fiscal Year 2020, the average cost per trip grew to $61.62 for the period before the COVID-19 pandemic (July 2019-February 2020). Due to the impact of COVID-19 on the program's demand, the average cost per passenger trip increased to $118 between March 2020 and February 2022.

Dial-A-Ride's decline indicates the City's need to restructure the program to serve the community better. MicroTransit is a program model staff recommends as a replacement for Dial-A-Ride.

MicroTransit in West Hollywood

Staff envisions transforming the City's underperforming Dial-A-Ride program into a MicroTransit service that continues to provide curb-to-curb transportation to West Hollywood older adult or community members living with a disability and offers corner-to-corner service for the general public. This means that an older adult or community member living with a disability would continue to be picked up and dropped off at the exact address they provide as long as it is in the program's service area. The general public would need to walk no more than a ¼ mile to be picked up at a nearby bus stop or intersection. Having corner-to-corner service for the public helps avoid unnecessary detours and makes the service much more efficient.

Efficiencies achieved through MicroTransit's dynamic routing and scheduling would allow the City to offer the new program, using resources currently allocated to Dial-A-Ride, to older adults, community members living with a disability, and the general public. Dial-A-Ride provided 60 trips per day at its peak, translating to about one trip per vehicle service hour. Staff projects that the introduction of MicroTransit could increase the program's capacity to 170 trips per day or three trips per vehicle service hour. This capacity could be achieved using the existing Dial-A-Ride fleet, consisting of four minivans and one cutaway bus. Should demand exceed 170 trips per day, replacing the minivans with larger 12 passenger transit vans could increase the program's capacity to 340 trips per day or six trips per vehicle hour of service. Capacity increases achieved by MicroTransit make it feasible for the City to provide an additional transit option for the general public while continuing to offer older adults and disabled community members curb-to-curb service.

Cost Analysis

In the current fiscal year, the City budgeted $800,000 for demand response services, this funding is currently allocated to Dial-A-Ride operations. Assuming the new MicroTransit program operates the same number of service hours as Dial-A-Ride, transitioning to the new service model would not affect the operations budget. However, the change will require purchasing and implementing new software, additional driver and operator training, procuring branding and marketing services, and rider education. In year one of the transition, staff anticipates an increase of $117,000 to what the City budgets for Dial-A-Ride to cover the cost components mentioned above. The net cost increase in future years would average $80,000 and would cover ongoing software and marketing expenses for the program. Table 1 below itemizes projected costs for the transition of Dial-A-Ride to MicroTransit for Fiscal Year 2022 through the Fiscal Year 2025.

Table 1: Cost of Transitioning Dial-A-Ride to MicroTransit				
Proposed MicroTransit Service Years	**FY21-22**	**FY22-23**	**FY23-24**	**FY24-25**
1. Demand Response Operations Cost	$800,000	$824,000	$848,720	$874,182
2. MicroTransit Software Expenses	$72,000	$74,160	$76,385	$78,676
3. Start Up Costs	$20,000			
4. Branding and Marketing	$25,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
5. Projected Cost for MicroTransit Program (Sum of Line 1 through Line 4)	**$917,000**	**$903,160**	**$930,105**	**$957,858**
6. Annual Cost Difference (Difference of Line 5 and Line 1)	**$117,000**	**$79,160**	**$81,385**	**$83,676**

Projected Cost per Passenger Trip

Staff anticipates ridership for a MicroTransit program to be significantly higher than ridership for Dial-A-Ride. Enhanced features offered by MicroTransit (e.g., on-demand booking, booking via app, vehicle tracking, etc.) will attract new riders, and dynamic routing and scheduling will increase the program's trip capacity. Staff expects ridership to range from 90-170 trips per day based on ridership for similar programs and projected capacity.

Table 2 below provides Cost per Passenger Trip projections for low, medium, and high ridership levels for FY 22 - FY 25. Low ridership figures are based on 90 daily passenger trips, and high ridership projections are based on 170 passenger trips per day. In year one, at low ridership, the anticipated cost per trip is expected to total $39.19, and at high ridership, $20.75 is the projected cost per trip. These cost projections compare favorably to Dial-A-Ride's current price per trip of $118 and the program's pre-COVID-19 cost of $61.62 per trip.

Table 2: Cost per Passenger Trip Projections	FY21-22	FY22-23	FY23-24	FY24-25
Projected Annual Cost for MicroTransit Program	**$917,000**	**$903,160**	**$930,105**	**$957,858**
Projected Annual Ridership (Low @ 90 trips per day with 3% ridership growth per year)	23,400	24,102	24,825	25,570
Average Cost/Trip	**$39.19**	**$37.47**	**$37.47**	**$37.46**
Projected Annual Ridership (Medium @ 125 trips per day with 3% ridership growth per year)	32,500	33,475	34,479	35,514
Average Cost/Trip	**$28.22**	**$26.98**	**$26.98**	**$26.97**
Projected Annual Ridership (High 170 trips per day with 3% ridership growth per year)	44,200	45,526	46,892	48,299
Average Cost/Trip	**$20.75**	**$19.84**	**$19.84**	**$19.83**

Program Parameters

Table three below compares program parameters for Dial-A-Ride and MicroTransit. At this point, program parameters for MicroTransit are conceptual. Input from the City's advisory bodies, the City Council, and the program's budget will inform what parameters are set. However, the table allows the Commission to get an idea of what the new service could look like and how it would compare to the existing Dial-A-Ride program.

Table 3: Comparing Dial-A-Ride to MicroTransit		
	Dial-A-Ride	**MicroTransit**
Eligibility	West Hollywood Residents over the age of 62 and/or disabled of any age.	General Public with priority given to West Hollywood residents over the age of 62 and/or disabled of any age.
Cost to Rider	Free to West Hollywood residents over the age of 62 and/or living with a disability.	Free to West Hollywood residents over the age of 62 and/or living with a disability. General public users pay $1.50 per trip.
Service Hours	Monday-Friday, 8 am-5:00 pm	Monday-Friday, 8 am-5:00 pm
Service Area	West Hollywood and Beverly Hills and medical facilities located within 5 miles of the City's border.	West Hollywood and Beverly Hills + a 2-mile buffer.

Trip Request Methods	Phone Only	Phone, Computer, and Smartphone Application
Annual Operations Expenses	$800,000	$800,000
Annual Software Costs	$0	$72,000
Total Annual Cost (excluding marketing)	$800,000	$872,000

Dial-A-Ride/TLC

In addition to Dial-A-Ride, the City operates a door-to-door paratransit program for older adults or individuals living with a disability called Dial-A-Ride/TLC. This program was launched as an added option in 2014 after the City was awarded a Federal grant to provide a transit program that delivers a higher level of service for older adults and people living with a disability. The City introduced the program because the regular Dial-A-Ride, a curb-to-curb service, was not meeting the needs of those unable to wait at the curb. Through Dial-A-Ride/TLC, an attendant helps the rider to get from their door to the vehicle and back again.

Transitioning Dial-A-Ride to MicroTransit would not impact the Dial-A-Ride/TLC service. The City plans to continue to offer the "TLC" program in its current form to older adults and residents living with a disability even if Dial-A-Ride is transformed. If Dial-A-Ride transitions to the new program model, seniors and people living with a disability could use accessible on-demand MicroTransit, the door-to-door Dial-A-Ride/TLC program, and the City's other senior/disabled transit programs. These include an On-Call Transportation service that provides subsidized Lyft and Uber rides and the City's Bus Pass Subsidy Program that offers free 30-Day Metro Bus Passes.

Next Steps

In June, staff plans to bring an item to the City Council recommending a phased transition of the Dial-A-Ride program to MicroTransit. That staff report will include feedback from the Senior Advisory Board and other City advisory boards regarding this plan. If the City Council approves the recommendation, staff will return to the Senior Advisory Board in the new fiscal year with an item outlining a process to transition Dial-A-Ride to MicroTransit by January 2023.

OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY:

Social Services Division

EXPANDING ON-DEMAND TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS IN WEST HOLLYWOOD

City of West Hollywood
Social Services Division
April 2022

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Agenda

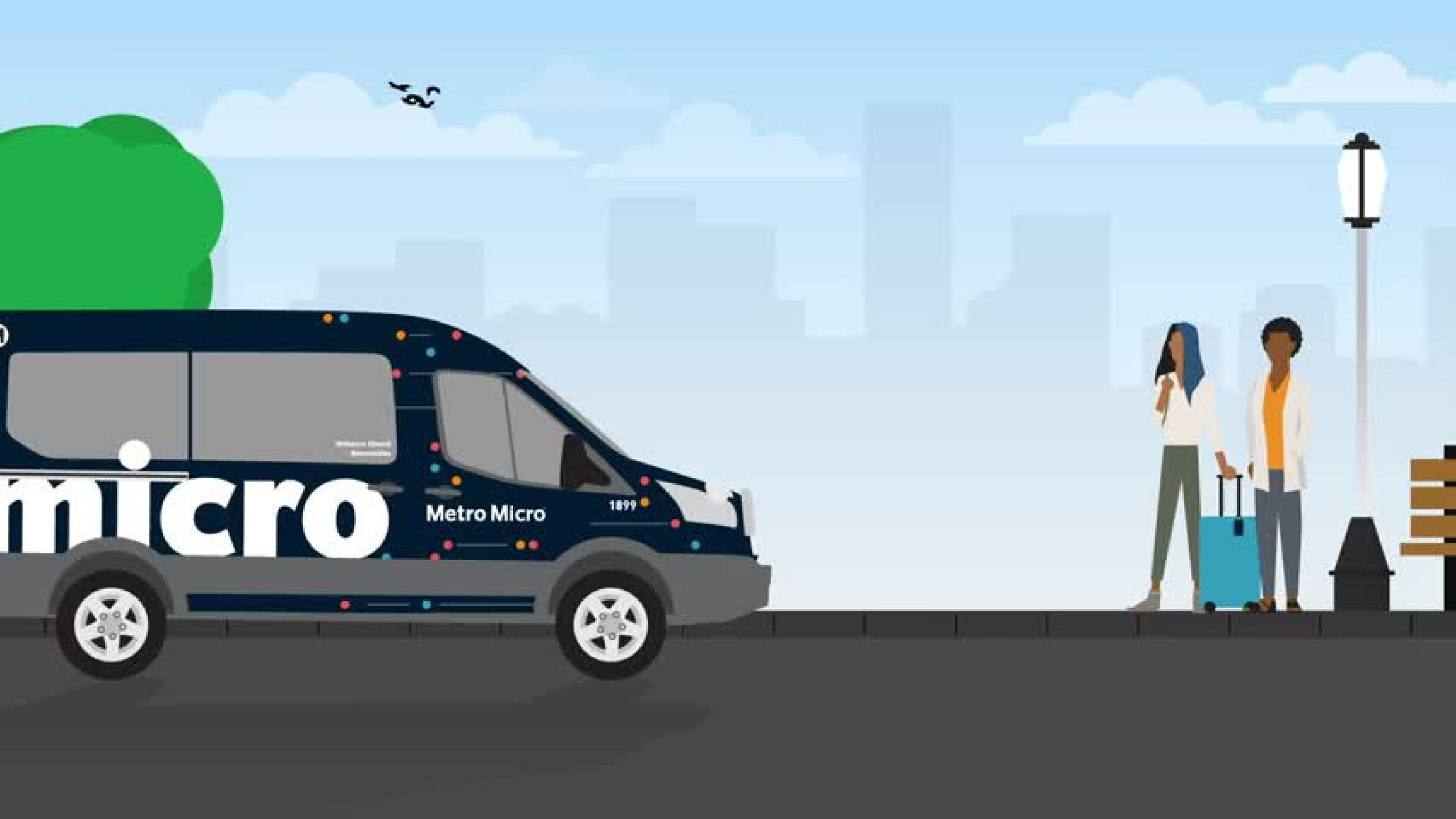
TOPICS COVERED

- Introduction to MicroTransit
- Existing Demand Response Service in WeHo
- A Vision for MicroTransit in West Hollywood
- Next Steps

MicroTransit

Introduction to MicroTransit

- On–Demand, shared, and dynamic transportation model.
- Powered by Innovative technology that uses algorithms to route and schedule trips in real–time.
- Trips could be booked using a smartphone app, web portal, or by calling the program.
- Experience is similar to using UberPool or Lyft Line.
- LA Metro, OCTA, and the City of San Gabriel are some local agencies that have recently launched MicroTransit programs .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Existing Demand Response Transportation in WeHo

Existing Demand Response Services in West Hollywood

- A demand response program involves passenger trips generated by calls from riders to the transit operator, who then dispatches a vehicle to pick the passengers up and transport them to their destinations.
  - The City currently operates a Dial–A–Ride program that meets this criteria.

Dial–A–Ride

- Dial–A–Ride is a shared ride, curb–to–curb service available to residents age 62+ or living with a disability (all ages).
- Service provides transportation to any destination within West Hollywood and Beverly Hills and medical facilities located within five miles of the City's borders.
- To use Dial–A–Ride,
  - Must first register with the program.
  - Once enrolled, participants call Dial–A–Ride three to four days before they need the service to schedule their trip.
  - Many users find the process dated and would like the program to offer more same–day or on–demand service.

Dial–A–Ride Performance

- Ridership
  - Dial–A–Ride has experienced declining ridership. In 2016, the program provided 50 trips per day; currently, the program offers approximately 12 rides daily.
- Cost per Trip
  - As Dial–A–Ride's ridership declined and operating expenses increased, the average cost per passenger trip rose.
    - In 2016, the program's average cost per trip was $48.45.
    - By 2020, the average cost per trip grew to $61.62 for the period before the COVID–19 pandemic.
    - Due to the impact of COVID–19 on the program's demand, the average cost per passenger trip increased to $118.
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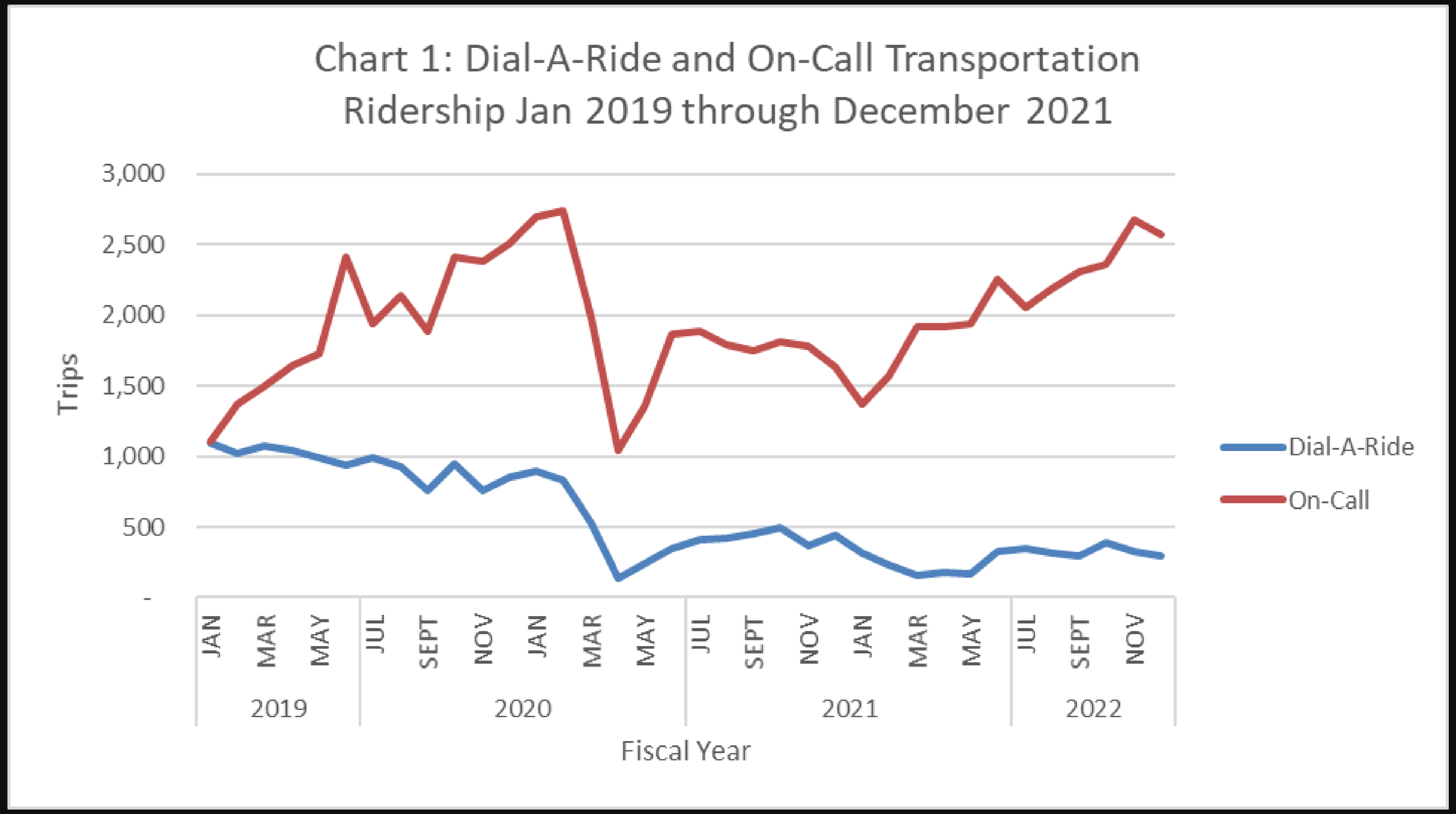
Chart 1: Dial-A-Ride and On-Call Transportation Ridership Jan 2019 through December 2021
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On-Call

Dial–A–Ride User Feedback

- In order of frequency, the following are the most common complaints shared:
  - Users are picked up late for their scheduled trip
  - Participants cannot find a trip on the day or time they need a ride
  - Users do not like calling days in advance to request a trip and would like more on–demand service
  - Participants are confused by the trip request and scheduling process
  - Participants want the service to be available on weekends

MicroTransit in WeHo

MicroTransit in WeHo

- Program Overview
  - Transform underperforming Dial–A–Ride program into a MicroTransit service that continues to provide curb–to–curb transportation to West Hollywood older adult or community members living with a disability and offers corner–to–corner service for the general public.
    - Older Adults and people living with a disability get an enhanced version of the Dial–A–Ride.
    - General public receives access to an on–demand MicroTransit program.
  - MicroTransit in WeHo would prioritize requests from older adults and community members living with a disability.

MicroTransit Efficiencies

- Dynamic Routing and Scheduling
  - Dial–A–Ride provided 60 trips per day at its peak
  - MicroTransit could increase the program's capacity to 170 trips per day or three trips per vehicle service hour.
  - This capacity could be achieved using the existing Dial–A–Ride fleet and operations budget.
- Capacity increases achieved by MicroTransit allow City to provide an additional transit option for the general public while continuing to offer older adults and disabled community members curb–to–curb service.

MicroTransit Cost Analysis

- Demand Response Transportation Budget
  - City budgets $800,000 for demand response services, this funding is currently allocated to Dial–A–Ride operations.
  - Transitioning Dial–A–Ride to the new service model would not affect the operations budget.
  - Change will require purchasing and implementing:
    - new software,
    - additional driver and operator training,
    - procuring branding and marketing services, and rider education.
      - Year 1 Cost: $117,000
      - Ongoing Costs: $80,000

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6. Annual Cost Difference (Difference of Line 5 and Line 1)	**$117,000**	**$79,160**

Projected Cost per Passenger Trip

- Staff anticipates ridership for a MicroTransit program to be significantly higher than ridership for Dial–A–Ride.
  - Cost per trip to range from $21–$35 depending on ridership.
  - Cost compares favorably to Dial–A–Ride's current price per trip of $118 and the program's pre–COVID–19 cost of $61.62 per trip.

Program Parameters

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Total Annual Cost (excluding marketing)	$800,000	$872,000

Older Adult and Disabled Transportation Options in West Hollywood

- Transitioning Dial–A–Ride to MicroTransit will enhance available transit services for older adults, community members living with disabilities and the general public.
- Vulnerable community members would continue to be able to access:
  - Accessible On–Demand MicroTransit (Curb–to–Curb)
  - Dial–A–Ride/TLC (Door–to–Door)
  - On–Call Transportation Program (On–Call TNC Subsidy Program)
  - WeHo Bus Pass Subsidy Program (Free Metro Bus Pass)

Next Steps

- In June, staff plans to bring an item to the City Council recommending a phased transition of the Dial–A–Ride program to MicroTransit.
  - That report will include feedback from the Transportation Commission and other City advisory boards regarding this plan.
- If the City Council approves the recommendation, staff will return to the Transportation Commission in the new fiscal year with an item outlining process to transition Dial–A–Ride to MicroTransit

Recommendations

1. Receive and comment.
2. Recommend that the City transition from Dial–A–Ride to a MicroTransit Program that prioritizes older adults and community members living with a disability while providing service to the general public.

Thank you!