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SUPPORT FOR THE 2018-19 GIRLS BUILD LOS ANGELES INITIATIVE

The LA Promise Fund will embark on the fourth year of its “Girls Build” initiative which challenges young women from public middle and high schools across Los Angeles County (County) to team up to address disparities in their communities and effect social change. This year, there will be a special focus on civic engagement and, for the first time, the LA Promise Fund will sponsor teams from across the nation, investing in local grassroots solutions and building a national movement. Teams will take on issues such as voter registration, youth empowerment, and gender equity.

More than 30,000 girls have participated in Girls Build events, including field trips, film premieres, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)-related career events, and annual summits, which convene thousands of girls around the theme of women’s empowerment. This year’s annual summit, which will be held on September 28th, will feature Producer-Screenwriter Shonda Rhimes, State Attorney General Xavier Becerra and Secretary of State Alex Padilla.

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Since 2015, the County has proclaimed October as Girls' Empowerment Month and provided funding for student transportation for Girls Build events. Given the significant impact Girls Build has had on the students who participated, as well as on their peers, families, schools, and communities, the County should once again provide its support.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- 1) Proclaim the month of October 2018 as Girls Empowerment Month throughout the County of Los Angeles;
- 2) Encourage all County employees and residents to learn more about Girls Build by visiting <http://www.lapromisefund.org/girls-build>;
- 3) Find that approval of this action, as described herein, is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a "project" pursuant to Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines; and
- 4) Instruct the Director of the Department of Public Works to disburse up to \$65,000 from the Top of Pot allocation of the County's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program to the LA Promise Fund in order to reimburse the LA Promise Fund for student transportation costs associated with the Girls Build events. Funding is included in the Transit Operations Fund Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget.

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