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## **CENTER FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT (CFE) (ITEM NO. 2, AGENDA OF MAY 21, 2019)**

On May 21, 2019, your Board instructed the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Director of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA), to report back during the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Final Changes as well as future budget cycles, with recommendations on new or existing resources to support the appropriate staffing levels needed to execute the ongoing work of the CFE.

Currently, there are 4.0 positions allocated to the CFE within DCBA at an annual cost of \$489,000. Although these positions were originally financed with one-time grant funds, these grants have expired. To sustain this program, the FY 2019-20 Supplemental Budget recommendations include \$489,000 in ongoing funding. Further, DCBA has identified Cypres funds for two years to offset the cost of 2.0 additional new positions as well as the repurposing of 1.0 position to augment the CFE. We will evaluate the effectiveness of the CFE during the FY 2021-22 budget process to determine if ongoing funding is necessary to sustain the program. Any recommendations will be made within the context of the overall budget and numerous competing priorities and requests.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or your staff may contact Gevork Simdjian at [gsimdjian@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:gsimdjian@ceo.lacounty.gov) or at (213) 893-9736.

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