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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Los Angeles County
Development Authority
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Dear Supervisors/Commissioners:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**FUNDING AGREEMENTS FOR HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND
THE EXIDE AREA PROGRAM
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTE)**

SUBJECT

This letter recommends various actions required for the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) to accept funds from the County of Los Angeles (County), which have previously been approved by the County's Board of Supervisors for affordable housing, housing preservation, economic development activities, and a homeless coordinator position. This letter also recommends the transfer of up to \$200,000 in Southern California Gas (SoCalGas) Legal Settlement Funds for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Mitigation – Exide Area Program.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the transfer of up to \$200,000 in additional SoCalGas Legal Settlement Funds to the LACDA.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LOS ANGELES
COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:**

1. Find that the approval of the proposed actions is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the activities are not defined as a project under CEQA.
2. Authorize the LACDA to accept from the County up to \$200,000 in additional SoCalGas Legal Settlement Funds.
3. Authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, to amend the existing funding agreement for the Manufacturing Revolving Loan Fund, for the transfer of \$2,600,000 to be used for manufacturing loans.
4. Authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, to amend the existing Housing Preservation funding agreement, for the transfer of \$3,465,000 to be used for housing preservation activities.
5. Authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, to execute and if necessary, amend a funding agreement with the County for the transfer of up to \$1,000,000 for various projects in the Fourth Supervisorial District.
6. Authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, to execute, and if necessary, amend a funding agreement with the County for the transfer of up to \$232,000 for the Homeless Coordinator position.
7. Authorize the Executive Director to incorporate up to \$7,497,000 into the LACDA's approved Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget.
8. Authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, to execute amendments to the recommended funding agreements to: (a) make necessary changes to the scope of services; (b) add, delete and/or change certain terms and conditions in the agreement, subject to prior review and approval as to form by County Counsel.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

As part of its settlement for the 2015 Aliso Canyon natural gas leak, SoCalGas paid \$64.8 million to the County of Los Angeles, through a settlement reached in August 2018. The LACDA received \$5 million of the \$5.2 million received by the Department of Public Health (DPH) for the mitigation of lead paint hazards in residential properties surrounding the former Exide facility (Exide Area Program). This action will transfer the remaining \$200,000 to LACDA for mitigation activities.

On June 24, 2019, the Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute a funding agreement with the LACDA for housing preservation, in the amount of \$3,465,000. This will fund a full-time preservation coordinator, development of a preservation database, tenant outreach, tenant assistance, and other targeted preservation strategies across the County.

On October 1, 2019, the Board authorized the CEO to execute funding agreements with the LACDA for economic development initiatives, various affordable housing projects in the Fourth Supervisorial District, and the Homeless Coordinator position, in the amounts of \$2,600,000, \$1,000,000, and \$232,000 respectively. The economic development funds will assist manufacturers by providing access to capital for the development, expansion, and retention of manufacturing jobs, through the Manufacturing Revolving Loan Fund. The \$1,000,000 in funding for various affordable housing projects will provide for costs associated with the reuse of the South Whittier Library, American Legion Hollydale Post 723, and Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall sites, as well as future affordable housing projects within the Fourth Supervisorial District. The Homeless Coordinator funds will be used to

fund a full-time Homeless Coordinator position to work with various entities to address the homeless crisis.

The recommended actions will allow the Executive Director of the LACDA to execute and or amend the necessary funding agreements with the County in order to accept these funds and incorporate them into the budget.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact on the County general fund. The Board has already allocated these funds for the purposes described herein. The recommended actions will effectuate the transfer of the funds. A total of up to \$7,497,000 will be incorporated into the LACDA's approved Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County Counsel has reviewed this request. All funding agreements, and amendments thereto, are subject to review and approval as to form by County Counsel prior to execution.

On April 16, 2019, the Board delegated authority to DPH and the LACDA to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Exide Area Program and any necessary amendments thereto, following approval as to form by County Counsel with notice to the Board of Supervisors. The MOU will be amended to reflect the transfer of \$200,000 as recommended in this letter.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the LACDA to accept funds from the County to administer affordable housing, housing preservation activities, and economic development activities throughout the County and to fund a homeless coordinator position.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Director

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