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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN September 15, 2026

Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency Technical Assistance Grant Agreement – Carmelitos Community Outreach and Vision Planning

The Carmelitos Housing Development (Carmelitos) in the City of Long Beach was built in 1940 by the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), successor to the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles, as the first public housing project in Southern California and is owned and managed by the LACDA.

Carmelitos has a total of 713 units, 155 of which are for seniors and 558 for families. It currently faces significant financial challenges due to annual budget deficits and has a capital needs backlog of $42 Million based on a Physical Needs Assessment in 2014. To address the need to preserve low-income housing, LACDA has started the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) project, a HUD program that converts units to a Section 8 project-based voucher model.

LACDA has been awarded $500,000 in Technical Assistance (TA) funding from the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSA) to support a comprehensive, resident centered community engagement, planning, and visioning effort for the long-term redevelopment of Carmelitos.

The funding will allow LACDA to design and implement a year long engagement process that includes community meetings, outreach events, participatory co design

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activities, resident ambassador leadership, technical planning, and development of a Resident Informed Redevelopment Framework for the future of Carmelitos. This work directly advances Measure A goals related to affordable housing preservation, renter protection, and homelessness prevention.

The effort will be supported by community engagement partners and technical consultants, including Grow America, Cumming Group, and Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI), and will prioritize transparent collaboration with Carmelitos residents, local community-based organizations, and cross jurisdictional partners.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors, acting as the Commissioners of the Los Angeles County Development Authority:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as the activities consist of community outreach, engagement, technical assistance, and planning efforts that do not constitute a project under CEQA
2. Authorize the Executive Director or designee to execute the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSA) Technical Assistance grant agreement and any amendments necessary to implement community engagement, technical assistance, and planning activities for Carmelitos Housing Development, located in the city of Long Beach, approved as to form by County Counsel.
3. Authorize the Executive Director or designee to incorporate $500,000 in grant funds into the LACDA's FY 2026 2027 approved budget, as needed, for this purpose.

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