

Budget Proposal FY 2022-23 Executive Summary

The resources requested in this Budget are those necessary to provide priority services to the City of Los Angeles Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils (System). EmpowerLA’s determination of priority services to support effective direct Neighborhood Council support is grounded in fundamental principles of intentional and deliberate engagement of the public in their government. One example is the deliberative democracy model founded by the Kettering Foundation which advances the concept that we “can improve public life at the community level and beyond by encouraging citizen participation and advancing knowledge of democratic practices.”

Our strategic goals and metrics realign our resources in FY 2022-2023 and beyond. The Department is submitting a Proposed Budget for FY 2022-23 of \$3,463,997, representing a 14.9% (\$449,010) increase from the Department’s Approved FY 2021-2022 Budget. The proposed budget also includes a request to utilize the Targeted Local Hire and BRIDGE program and funding directives to address structural challenges within the Department. The increase in the budgetary request from the prior year reflects the standard salary increases, the continuation of existing service levels operated by resolution authority positions, and proposed offsets totalling \$367,934. Department staffing levels would increase by 9 positions compared to FY 2021-2022 (from 33 to 42 full time positions) if this proposal is accepted.



Supplemental Budget Proposal 2022-23 Summary

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department) respectfully presents a Supplemental Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for review and deliberation. This supplement presents a list of departmental priorities envisioned for consideration under continued improvement of the City's fiscal standing and health.

The Supplemental Budget Proposal of \$4,931,322, represents a 63.6% (\$1,916,335) increase from the Department's Approved FY 2021-2022 Budget. It contains proposals to address various structural concerns as well as enhancements to the Department's ability to provide excellent service to the neighborhood council board members, stakeholders, and our City partners.

