

Community Impact Statement Recommendation

To: Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Board
From: Livability Committee
Date Approved by Committee: 04/11/24
For Board Consideration on: 05/14/24

Re: Council File 24-0292: Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) / Geographic Areas / Waste Collection and Disposal / Street Sweeping / City Service Levels

Motion or Recommendation of the committee:

The Livability Committee recommends a vote on CF [24-0292](#).

For	X
For if amended	
Against unless amended	
Against	

Committee Vote Count: Yes (4), No (0), Abstention (0), Absent (2), Recused (0)

Summary:

The goal of the Council File is to investigate whether there are ways to alleviate the expenses incurred by Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) around the maintenance and management of public waste receptacles and litter/debris removal from public spaces. A 2020 report by the Los Angeles BID Consortium estimated the total amount of trash collected by BIDs across Los Angeles is greater than 20,000 metric tons per year.

The Council File instructs the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) to report within 60 days on the services the Bureau provides within the geographic areas covered by Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), or its designated waste hauler, as compared to the service levels provided outside of BID areas, including but not limited to, how many tons of refuse the Bureau collects.

Additionally LASAN is to report within 60 days on how many lane-miles of street sweeping it provides in BID areas in comparison to service levels outside BID areas.

The Council File additionally instructs the City Administrative Officer, with support from LASAN, to report within 60 days on options the City can use to offset costs related to waste disposal for each active BID existing under ordinance, as verified by the Office of the City Clerk.

Motion

Across Los Angeles, a total of 40 Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) invest revenues collected from assessments on private properties into providing supplemental services in the public realm of the neighborhoods they serve. These districts support key business corridors and tourism destinations, including Hollywood, Downtown, Venice Beach, Highland Park, Sherman Oaks, Studio City and others.

For many BIDs, the supplemental services they provide include the maintenance and management of public waste receptacles and the removal of litter and debris from streets, alleys, sidewalks, plazas, parks and other public spaces. For example, The Hollywood Partnership removes on average 75 metric tons of trash per month from the Hollywood Entertainment District. A 2020 report by the Los Angeles BID Consortium estimated the total amount of trash collected by BIDs across Los Angeles is greater than 20,000 metric tons per year.

To provide these services, BIDs may incur any or all of the following expenses: purchase, repair, and maintenance of waste receptacles; purchase of supplies and materials, including bin liners and garbage bags; purchase, operation, and insurance of specialized equipment, such as commercial garbage trucks and trash compactors; and labor expenses related to maintaining a workforce for the collection and transport of trash. BIDs are then charged for the disposal of collected materials, either by the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), by a City-designated waste hauler, or upon disposal at a City-designated waste management facility.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) report within 60 days on the services the Bureau provides within the geographic areas covered by Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), or its designated waste hauler, as compared to the service levels provided outside of BID areas, including but not limited to, how many tons of refuse the Bureau collects.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services report within 60 days on how many lane-miles of street sweeping it provides in BID areas in comparison to service levels provided outside of BID areas.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer, with support from LASAN, be instructed to report within 60 days on options the City can use to offset costs related to waste disposal for each active BID existing under ordinance, as verified by the Office of the City Clerk.

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