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Controller Kenneth Mejia Launches City Council Discretionary Funds Spending Tracker

Controller Kenneth Mejia today released a website that tracks how each City Council District spent their Discretionary Funds in Fiscal Year 2023. Spending can be viewed by Council District, by fund, and by individual transaction.

Visit the tracker:

bit.ly/ccspending

Each member of the LA City Council has at their disposal certain funds set aside to spend in their district. The size, source, and rules governing the spending from each fund varies, as does the amount each Council District has at its disposal. Some of the funds can be used entirely at a Councilmember's discretion, while others require full Council approval.

Community members have been asking us for more transparency around the use of City Council Discretionary Funds, and this tool provides a way for Angelenos to visualize how these funds were spent in Fiscal Year 2023, which covers the final six months of the 2022 Council session and the first six months of the 2023 Council session. The site also contains a link to the most recent raw transaction data, so users can keep track of the Council's Discretionary Fund spending as it happens.

Findings:

• The Council Districts that spent the most were: 1. CD14 (\$5.20M); 2. CD13 (\$3.32M); 3. CD9 (\$3.25M); 4. CD1 (\$2.15M); 5. CD10 (\$1.10M)

• The Council Districts that spent the least were: 1. CD6 (\$87k); 2. CD12 (\$120k); 3. CD8 (\$290k); 4. CD15 (\$510k); 5. CD3 (\$560k)

• The largest fund sources were the AB1290 Redevelopment Fund (\$11.22M, 53.8% of total spending) and the Council District Real Property Fund (\$3.60M, 17.3% of total spending)

The total amount of spending identified was: \$20.85 million

• 82% of spending from the AB1290 Redevelopment Fund was by four Council Districts: CDs 13 (27%), 9 (23%), 14 (9%), and 1 (13%)

• 84% of spending from the Street Furniture Revenue Fund was by three Council Districts: CDs 2 (36%), 5 (27%), and 11 (20%)