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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Date: December 11, 2025

To: Proposition K – L.A. For Kids Steering Committee

From: *mmg*
CAO Staff

Subject: **PROPOSED PROPOSITION K TIMELINE FOR THE PREPARATION
OF THE 2026-27 ASSESSMENT REPORT AND ONE YEAR PLAN**

RECOMMENDATION

That the L.A For Kids Steering Committee approve the proposed Proposition K: L.A. for Kids timeline for the preparation of the 2026-27 Assessment Report and One Year Plan.

SUMMARY

Each year the Committee adopts an annual timeline of major milestones, relative to development and release of the Assessment Report and the Five Year Budget Plan. In this instance, it is a One Year Budget Plan to reflect the end of the Proposition K program in 2027. The timeline serves as a planning resource, as some “target” dates will change throughout the cycle due to mitigating circumstances.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no immediate impact on the General Fund as this is an administrative action.

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PROPOSITION K: L.A. FOR KIDS PROGRAM

Timeline for Approval of the 2025-26 Assessment

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Action</u>
December 11, 2025	L.A. for Kids Steering Committee (Steering Committee) review of: 1) Annual program timeline for 2026-27 Assessment Report and Engineer's Report; and, 2) Resolution to Initiate Proceedings for the proposed 2026-27 assessment and release for Council approval.
December, 2025	Distribution of letter from Steering Committee Chair to Council Districts soliciting input on project priorities and appointments of Regional Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee (RVNOC) participants.
December 11, 2025	Release of 2025-26 Maintenance Funding Application on December 11, 2025 with responses due by February 13, 2026. Recommended maintenance awards will be presented for approval at the February 26, 2026 Steering Committee meeting. Tentative awards to be incorporated as part of the 2026-27 Assessment Report, with final awards subject to Council approval.
January, 2026	Council adopts Resolution to Initiate Proceedings for the 2026-27 Proposition K assessment.
January 2, 2026	Deadline for Council Districts to appoint current year RVNOC members to participate in the funding deliberations for the 2025-26 One Year Plan. RVNOC budget deliberation meetings and potential facility tours of prospective project sites.
December 11, 2025 – February 13, 2026	Release of 2025-26 Maintenance Funding Application on December 11, 2025 with responses due by February 13, 2026. Recommended maintenance awards will be presented for approval at the February 26, 2026 Steering Committee meeting. Tentative awards to be incorporated as part of the 2026-27 Assessment Report, with final awards subject to Council approval.
March 26, 2026	Steering Committee review of RVNOC recommendations, funding adjustments presented by staff and integration into the One Year Plan for FY 2025-26 through 2026-27.
March 26, 2026	Steering Committee reviews and approves for release to Council, the 2026-27 Assessment Report and accompanying attachments: 2026-27 One Year Plan & Draft City Engineer's Report; 2026-27 Resolution and Ordinance of Intention to Levy; 2025-26 Reprogramming and Maintenance Award recommendations, etc.).
April 14 – April 28, 2026	Council and its Committees consider the recommendations of the 2026-27 Assessment Report and its accompanying attachments.
April 29, 2026	Deadline for Council approval of the 2026-27 Assessment Report and first reading* of the 2026-27 Ordinance of Intention to Levy.
	<i>* Should adoption of Ordinance require a second reading, schedule for remaining Council and Mayor actions is extended by seven calendar days.</i>

PROPOSITION K: L.A. FOR KIDS PROGRAM
Timeline for Approval of the 2026-27 Assessment

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Action</u>
May 6, 2026	City Clerk publishes Ordinance of Intention to Levy and notice of the May 26, 2026 public hearing (at least 10 calendar days prior to public hearing).
May 26, 2026	<p>Public Hearing in Council and introduction of amending actions to the Assessment Report, if necessary, to incorporate any needed adjustments to the Proposition K program budget and accompanying attachments, as approved by the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee subsequent to the release of the 2026-27 Assessment Report.</p> <p>Council approves environmental documents and adopts the Ordinance Confirming the Assessment. (Ordinance may be approved if sufficient Council members are available to approve at first reading. Otherwise, second reading is required).</p>
May 27 – June 4, 2026	Mayor signs Ordinance Confirming the Assessment (allow seven additional calendar days for second reading of Ordinance if an insufficient number of Councilmembers are available for full approval at first reading on May 26, 2026).
June 9, 2026	City Clerk publishes Ordinance Confirming the Assessment.
June 12, 2026	Absolute deadline for all Council and Mayor actions for 2026-27 One Year Plan and Final Engineer's Report and publication of Ordinance Confirming the Assessment.

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Date: December 11, 2026

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: L.A. for Kids Steering Committee
Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer
Sharon Tso, Chief Legislative Analyst
Matt Hale, Office of the Mayor

Subject: **RESOLUTION TO INITIATE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE 2026-27
PROPOSITION K ASSESSMENT**

SUMMARY

In 1996, City voters adopted Proposition K: the L.A. for Kids Program. The measure provides \$25 million in assessment funds per year for 30 years for acquisition and capital improvements to parks, recreation, and community facilities serving youth citywide. The Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, which is the legal basis for Proposition K, requires that the City Council go through certain procedures to levy the assessment on an annual basis.

The first stage is for the City Council to adopt a Resolution to Initiate Proceedings. This Resolution instructs the City Engineer to present a report to the City Council which describes the improvements to be undertaken in the upcoming fiscal year. It is recommended that the Resolution to Initiate Proceedings be adopted so that the annual assessment process can begin. The attached resolution was approved by the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee at its meeting on December 11, 2025, for transmittal to the City Council.

After adoption of this Resolution, the City Council will have to take the following steps to levy the Proposition K assessment for fiscal year 2026-27: adopt an annual expenditure plan, adopt the City Engineer's report, adopt an Ordinance of Intention to Levy, hold a public hearing, and adopt an Ordinance Confirming the Assessment.

RECOMMENDATION

ADOPT the attached Resolution to Initiate Proceedings for the 2026-27 Proposition K assessment which instructs the City Engineer to present a report to the City Council which describes the acquisition and capital improvements to parks and recreational and community facilities serving youth citywide to be undertaken in the upcoming fiscal year, pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of this report will initiate proceedings to levy the annual \$25 million Proposition K assessment which will be used to fund acquisitions and capital improvements to parks and recreational and community facilities serving youth citywide.

**RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS TO LEVY AND COLLECT THE
ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 FOR
CITY OF LOS ANGELES LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT 96-1
PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF
THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972
(CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE
SECTIONS 22500-22679)**

WHEREAS, on November 5, 1996, voters in the City of Los Angeles approved Proposition K (also known as the L.A. for Kids Program), which authorizes the formation of City of Los Angeles Landscaping and Lighting District No. 96-1 and approves the levy and collection of an annual assessment of \$25 million within the District for a period of thirty years for the purpose of funding the acquisition, development, improvements, restoration and maintenance of parks, open spaces, recreation and community facilities; and

WHEREAS, the L.A. for Kids Program was approved by a majority of voters prior to the effective date of Proposition 218, and is therefore exempt from the requirements of Proposition 218; and

WHEREAS, the L.A. for Kids Program is based on the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, which provides provisions for the City to levy an annual assessment to fund acquisition, development, improvements, restoration and maintenance of parks, open spaces, recreation and community facilities in the City, on the basis of benefits received by property owners; and

WHEREAS, the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 requires that the assessment be levied on an annual basis and that the Council adopt a Resolution Initiating Proceedings to begin the annual process.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Los Angeles resolves that the City Engineer be ordered, in collaboration with the Office of the City Administrative Officer, pursuant to Section 22622 of the Streets and Highways Code, to prepare and file a report for fiscal year 2026-27 of the L.A. for Kids Program, including a one year plan, and to include recommendations from the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee. The improvements to be undertaken for fiscal year 2026-27 include competitive grant projects, local and regional park and recreation projects and community facility projects specified in Proposition K, and acquisition of land specified in Proposition K.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of _____.

Patrice Lattimore, City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

Date: _____

Council File No. _____