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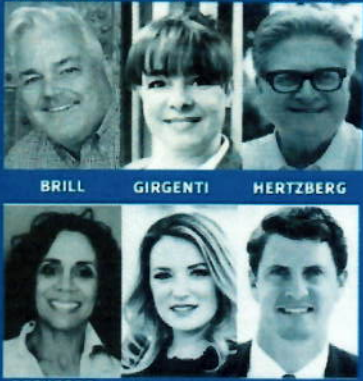
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LOS ANGELES -After postponing its CD11 candidate forum, citing a desire to hold it after the June 7 primaries, the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) says it will keep the remaining forums planned for the week.



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## Behind the Post: Marston's Departure from LAHSA Exposes A Crisis Within a Crisis

Angela McGregor 6 hrs ago



Heidi Marston speaks at press conference in 2020 (photo courtesy Medium)

LOS ANGELES -On Monday, April 26th, Los Angeles Homeless Authority Executive Director Heidi Marston delivered her resignation in the form of a stunning, [5 page letter](#) which focuses a glaring spotlight on the chaos within L.A.'s complex web of homelessness agencies.

Marston's predecessor, Peter Lynn, stepped down from LAHSA's top post in December, 2019, after five years of being what The Los Angeles Times [called](#) "the face of bad news on the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles." Likewise for Marston, whose tenure lasted a little over two years.

According to her letter, Marston's downfall began in March, 2021, when she "increased the compensation of LAHSA's lowest-compensated employees to \$50,000.00 annually" (roughly the average salary of the 172 LAHSA Homeless Engagement Team members, according to [data](#) available from Transparent California, some of whom are making as little as \$30,000 per year including overtime). LAHSA's top ten highest paid employees, whose salaries Marston froze in order to cover these salary increases, average about \$138,000 per year, including Marston's \$260,304.00 pay and benefits. Marston, who believes the primary cause of homelessness to be "systemic racism", states that she felt she had no choice but to take "swift and direct action" since "91% of [LAHSA's] lowest-compensated employees are minority racial/ethnic groups that are subjugated by systems of white supremacy."



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In its first of six so-far scheduled meetings between now and May 3, the Budget and Finance Committee heard presentations from Garcetti's office on the proposed budget and from City Administrative Officer Matt Szabo on revenue projections. The committee then heard from the Office of Finance, the City Attorney's Office, the City Controller's office, the Personnel Department and the Ethics Commission.

Unlike last year, the process of crafting a revised budget to present to the full council is taking place in-person for the committee members, following two years of virtual budget hearings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



While the public had to tune in virtually on Tuesday, City Hall is scheduled to reopen to the public on May 4. It wasn't immediately clear if additional budget hearings would occur after the final one scheduled on May 3, but Krekorian noted the possibility that City Hall will reopen to the public during the process.



In the case that hearings continue after City Hall reopens, Krekorian said, "we may consider going to a different type of public comment, we may have the public in the room. (It's) still to be determined exactly."

Garcetti has again proposed the largest budget in city history, with an overall \$11.8 billion budget and \$7.4 billion general fund revenue projection. Government spending

