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06-0705

May 9, 2006

City Attorney (w/Blue sheet)
Chief Legislative Analyst

RE: RECOMMENDATIONS TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR
THE COORDINATION AND SAFE AND ORDERLY RELEASE OF INDIGENT PATIENTS
FROM ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS

At the meeting of the Council held MAY 3, 2006, the following action was
taken:

Attached report adopted.....	_____ X _____
Attached motion (-) adopted.....	_____
Attached resolution adopted.....	_____
FORTHWITH.....	_____
Mayor concurred	_____
To the Mayor FORTHWITH	_____
Motion adopted to approve communication recommendation(s).....	_____
Motion adopted to approve committee report recommendation(s)...	_____
Ordinance adopted.....	_____
Ordinance number.....	_____

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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

reports as follows:

Public Comments: Yes No
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AD HOC COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS REPORT relative to recommendations to begin the process of entering into an agreement for the coordination and safe and orderly release of indigent patients from acute care hospitals.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Perry - Greuel):

DIRECT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with assistance from the City Attorney, to create a working group and report within 30 days with recommendations to begin the process of negotiating and entering into a Memorandum of Understanding, or other appropriate agreement, with hospitals, and any other involved entity, for the coordination and safe and orderly release of indigent patients from acute care hospitals, and in such a manner that they are not automatically transported to, and released in, downtown Los Angeles.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CLA nor the City Administrative Officer has completed a financial analysis of this matter.

Summary:

At a special meeting on April 21, 2006, the Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness considered a Motion (Perry - Greuel) relative to directing the CLA to report with recommendations to begin the process of negotiating and entering into a Memorandum of Understanding, or other appropriate agreement, between the City, the Hospital Association of Southern California and any other involved entity, including the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, for the coordination and safe and orderly release of indigent patients from acute care hospitals, and in such a manner that they are not automatically transported to, and released in, downtown Los Angeles. During the discussion of this item, a representative of the Hospital Association of Southern California addressed various questions from the Committee members and stated that, as a trade association, the Hospital Association could not bind its members to a agreement, however, the Association could convene its members and facilitate discussions regarding this matter. In addition, a representative from the Criminal and Special Litigation Branch of the City Attorney's Office provided a status report on the City Attorney's investigation into the release of homeless patients by hospitals

After some discussion, the Committee recommended to direct the CLA, with assistance from the City Attorney, to create a working group and report within 30 days with recommendations to begin the process of negotiating and entering into a Memorandum of Understanding, or other appropriate agreement, with hospitals and/or any other involved entity for the coordination and safe and orderly release of indigent patients from acute care hospitals, and in such a manner that they are not automatically transported to, and released in, downtown Los Angeles. This matter is now being forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS



MEMBER VOTE
PERRY YES
GARCETTI YES
ROSENDAHL YES

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