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MAYOR

April 23, 2009

Honorable Members of the Budget and Finance Committee
c/o Lauraine Braithwaite, City Clerk
Room 395 City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

OFFICE OF FINANCE – FY 2009-10 PROPOSED BUDGET

I would like to thank the Mayor, the City Administrative Officer and staff for their consideration and support of our budget request for FY 2009-10. While mindful of the projected \$530 million deficit, our proposed budget is a combination of expanded revenue opportunities and minimal adjustments to correct traditional expense shortfalls. This budget facilitates our Charter responsibility to collect and generate revenue, and enables the efficient and responsible collection of over \$2.5 billion annually that provides a stable fiscal base for the City of Los Angeles.

The Office of Finance supports the Mayor's proposal of shared responsibility and sacrifices to close the budget gap and will do everything possible to meet the revenue targets. Our budget proposal includes two new revenue opportunities that are anticipated to generate over \$12 million without raising taxes, and we are moving forward with both in the current fiscal year to help close the fiscal deficit. However, given that 95% of our workforce is directly tied to revenue collection, the proposed 10% reduction in salaries funding, which is equivalent to 39 revenue generating positions will likely impact our ability to meet the budgeted revenue goals. As such we seek an expeditious resolution to the 10% reduction from the menu of options proposed in the Mayor's budget that are unlikely to have negative effect in our revenue collection efforts.

Finance appreciates your support of our proposed budget and looks forward to discussing it with the City Council, Chief Legislative Analyst and your staff. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (213) 978-1774.

Sincerely,

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Director of Finance

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