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August 21, 2002

Chief Legislative Analyst
City Administrative Officer

RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF A DECENTRALIZED SEVEN REGIONAL DISTRICT SYSTEM FOR
DELIVERY OF CITY SERVICES

At the meeting of the Council held AUGUST 16, 2002, the following action
was taken:

Attached report adopted.....	X
Attached motion (-) adopted	
Attached resolution adopted.....	
Ordinance adopted.....	
Ordinance number	
Publication date.....	
Effective date.....	
Mayor approved.....	
FORTHWITH.....	X
Mayor concurred	
To the Mayor FORTHWITH	

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EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

Report/Communication for Signature

Council File Number: 02-1520

Committee Meeting Date: 8/6/02

Council Date: 8/16/02

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSENT
Councilmember Janice Hahn, Chair	✓		
Councilmember Alex Padilla	✓		
Councilmember Tom LaBonge	✓		

Remarks

Decentralized Seven Regional District system
for delivery of services.

Lauraine Braithwaite, Legislative Assistant ----- Telephone 978-1075 .

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Public Comments	<u>XX</u>	<u>—</u>

EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to implementation of a decentralized Seven Regional District system for delivery of services to all the people of Los Angeles.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (LaBonge - Hahn - Greuel):

INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with the assistance of all affected Departments including the Personnel and Planning Departments, and the Joint Labor Management Committee, to develop a Working Group to report back to the Council in 30 days with a status report on the development of recommendations, including cost, to immediately implement a decentralized Seven Regional District system for delivery of services to all the people of Los Angeles.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Summary:

At the August 6, 2002 meeting of the Education and Neighborhoods Committee, the Committee considered Motion (LaBonge - Hahn - Greuel) relative to implementation of a decentralized Seven Regional District system for delivery of services to all the people of Los Angeles.

During Committee discussion, Councilmember LaBonge stated that Motion (LaBonge - Hahn - Greuel) was proposed to try to accelerate the City's ability to serve the people better. He stated that the greatest empowerment, not just for the people served, but for those who do the service, is when there is a relationship between the service provider and the service recipient. He stated that the purpose of Motion (LaBonge - Hahn - Greuel) is to improve the service delivery system for the people of Los Angeles by regionalizing the appropriate City services.

Councilmember Padilla stated that the Motion to study this issue is a good one, but he questioned what the desired results are, and emphasized that there is a distinction between changing government structure and the service delivery structure. Councilmember Padilla expressed support of a study relative to what services should remain centralized, and what services should be decentralized and have those functions/services performed at a more local, neighborhood level as opposed to a Citywide basis.

Councilmember Padilla additionally stated that with the 3-1-1 system, a project that has been in the works for a couple of years, people shouldn't have to memorize service boundaries, but can make one phone call to access City services. Councilmember Padilla stated that the Constituent Service Centers are a model to look at. Councilmember Padilla stated that Council District 8 has one of the finest Constituent Service Centers in the City and suggested that the City Administrative Officer/Chief Legislative Analyst report include an inventory of available municipal facilities. This is a good starting point, Councilmember Padilla stated, which will lead to a discussion of what is envisioned as taking place in local civic centers, whether it is one per Region, per Council District, etc.

During Committee discussion, Deputy Director of the City Planning Department, Robert Sutton, reported that the Area Planning Commissions (APC) are functioning exactly the way the Planning Department predicted - there are more decisions being made at the local level; the community members that are on the APC's are getting into more detail than the old Planning Commission or Board of Zoning Appeals; there are more people attending in the neighborhoods; it's taking more staff time; there is more overtime needed because of the evening meetings. Mr. Sutton stated that the APC's are going in the same direction as the City in terms of providing greater accessibility. He additionally stated that there is no question that the Planning Department works more closely with some departments as opposed to others and if the Departments of Building and Safety, Transportation and the Bureau of Engineering all work together and closer, it would certainly be of use to the community because of overlapping functions.

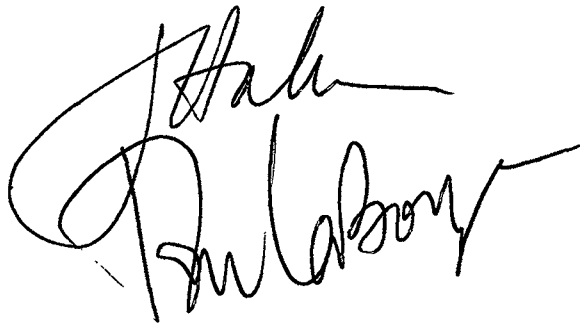
A representative from the Department of Public Works (DPW) reported that the Department has initiated a process internally to look at how to continue service delivery in case the secession effort(s) pass. The DPW looked at how the Department can decentralize or bring services closer to constituents within Public Works Bureaus, which provide most of the visible municipal services to the public. The DPW representative suggested that the Director of Street Services be involved in the discussions on decentralization, to provide input on what Street Services has already accomplished and this could possibly serve as a model for how to approach municipal service delivery in general.

The DPW representative additionally stated that it is important when you decentralize, that the people responsible for that service delivery have the authority, the budget, etc., that they need in order to function. He stated that by just deploying service delivery systems out into the communities, without any authority to get anything done, means that control is still centralized.

At the August 6, 2002 meeting of the Education and Neighborhoods Committee, the Committee considered Motion (LaBonge - Hahn - Greuel) relative to implementation of a decentralized Seven Regional District system for delivery of services to all the people of Los Angeles. The Committee recommended that the Council instruct the CAO and CLA, with the assistance of all affected Departments including the Personnel and Planning Departments, and the Joint Labor Management Committee, to develop a Working Group to report back to the Council in 30 days with a status report on the development of recommendations, including cost, to immediately implement a decentralized Seven Regional District system for delivery of services to all the people of Los Angeles. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

Two handwritten signatures are present. The top signature appears to be 'Hahn' and the bottom signature appears to be 'LaBonge'.

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ADOPTED

AUG 16 2002

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

FORTHWITH

COUNCIL VOTE

Aug 16, 2002 11:13:44 AM, #3

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Been Held - Items 1-28

Voting on Item(s): 3-9,11-13,15-25,27-28

Roll Call

BERNSON	Absent
GALANTER	Absent
GARCETTI	Yes
GREUEL	Yes
HAHN	Yes
HOLDEN	Yes
LABONGE	Yes
*MISCIKOWSKI	Yes
PACHECO	Yes
PERRY	Yes
REYES	Yes
RIDLEY-THOMAS	Yes
WEISS	Absent
ZINE	Yes
PADILLA	Absent
Present: 11, Yes: 11 No: 0	

EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE NOTIFICATION SHEET

Council File No. 02-1520

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES SPEAKER CARD

Date

8-6-02

Council File No., Agenda Item, or Case No.

Item #3 CF 021520

I wish to speak before the

Edu & Neighborhoods Committee

Name of City Agency, Department, Committee or Council

Do you wish to provide general public comment, or to speak for or against a proposal on the agenda? () For proposal

() Against proposal

() General comments

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MOTION EDUCATION & NEIGHBORHOODS

The primary goal and underlying purpose of all recent secession and borough proposals is delivery of City services. What people and communities throughout all parts of our City want, more than secession is prompt, efficient and courteous service.

We can implement a better and more responsive service delivery system in our City much faster by administrative action than with expensive and lengthy Charter reforms and ballot propositions which will delay any bottom line results for everyone, even if secession succeeds.

By administratively implementing a system of seven Regional Service Districts corresponding to our existing seven Planning Areas, we can bring government and services much closer to the people as early as next month. Under the Seven Regional Districts, City services would be decentralized and accessible locally within each of the Seven Regions. All City Departments would be required to maintain regional service centers, and staff would be re-assigned away from City Hall directly into the seven regions.

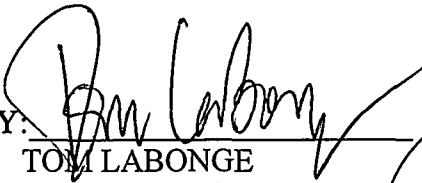
Many departments are already decentralized but do not use the same boundaries. Consolidating each department's boundaries would encourage better coordination between departments and greatly simplify constituent customer services.

79 The above program can be implemented without costly and painful campaigns to secede or establish distinct borough jurisdictions which would involve major structural reorganizations. All changes would be made within existing departmental budgets, there would be no additional appropriations required.

In time, the City Charter could be amended to make a simple structural change to expand the Board of Public Works (but not the budget) to seven members, with each member responsible for the delivery of services in each Region.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the CAO, with the assistance of all affected Departments, including the Personnel and Planning Departments, be directed to report back with recommendations which would immediately implement a decentralized Seven Regional District system, as further described above, for delivery of services to all the people of Los Angeles.

AP PRESENTED BY:


TOM LABONGE
Councilman, 4th District


JANICE HAHN
Councilwoman, 15th District

SECONDED BY:


WENDY GREUEL
Councilmember, 2nd District