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MAYOR

08-1503

July 3, 2008

Office of the Mayor  
Chief Legislative Analyst  
City Clerk, Executive Office  
cc: Calendar and Public Services  
City Attorney (with blue sheet)  
Los Angeles Housing Department  
Housing Authority

RE: A PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE FOR THE NOVEMBER 4TH GENERAL ELECTION ON THE CITY  
OF LOS ANGELES' ARTICLE XXXIV (ARTICLE 34) AUTHORITY

At the meeting of the Council held June 27, 2008, the following action was taken:

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| Attached report adopted .....                                      | _____        |
| Attached motion (-) adopted .....                                  | _____        |
| Attached resolution ( - ) adopted .....                            | _____        |
| FORTHWITH .....  | <u>  X  </u> |
| Mayor concurred .....  | _____        |
| To the Mayor FORTHWITH .....                                       | _____        |
| Motion adopted to approve committee report recommendation(s) ..... | _____        |
| Motion adopted to approve communication recommendation(s) .....    | <u>  X  </u> |
| Negative Declaration adopted .....                                 | _____        |
| Categorically exempt.....  | _____        |
| Generally exempt.....  | _____        |

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COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

FILE NO. 08-1503

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER HERB WESSON, CHAIR  
HOUSING, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, HOUSING, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, relative to a proposed ballot measure for the November 4th General Election on the City of Los Angeles' Article XXXIV (Article 34) Authority.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. REQUEST placement of the Los Angeles Article 34 Authority measure on the ballot for the November 4, 2008, General Election.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney to Prepare and Present all resolutions, ordinances, and related documents necessary to place the Los Angeles Article 34 Authority measure on the ballot for the November 4, 2008, General Election.
3. DIRECT the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) to work with the City Attorney and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to develop language for the ballot measure that adequately asks the qualified electors of the City to amend the City's remaining Article 34 Authority.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the LAHD. The LAHD reports that fees and costs associated with placing the measure on the County ballot would be better determined by the Office of the City Clerk.

**(Rules and Government Committee waived consideration of the above matter)**

Summary:

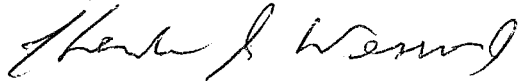
In its report dated June 2, 2008, the LAHD reports that the California Constitution, specifically Article 34, requires that a majority of voters either approve individual, new "low rent" housing projects, or otherwise give their locality the authority to finance the construction of a specified number of low-rent housing units. In order for the City of Los Angeles to continue to receive State funds for affordable housing, the California Department of Housing and Community Development has determined that the City must provide the State with evidence of sufficient Article 34 Authority for future affordable housing developments.

As such, the only method by which the existing Article 34 Authority (i.e., over 48,000 units) and its viable uses can be updated is through the placement of a ballot measure on the November 4, 2008, General Election. In effect, the City will be asking the qualified electors of the municipality to approve an amendment of the previously approved Article 34 Authority.

At its regular meeting held June 18, 2008, the Housing, Community, and Economic Development Committee Chair discussed this matter with City staff and recommended that Council approve the recommendations of the LAHD, as submitted in its report dated June 2, 2008, and enumerated above. It should also be noted that the Committee Chair instructed the CLA, with assistance from the LAHD and the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, to review this matter and prepare a report prior to/for the Rules and Government Committee's and Council's consideration of this matter.

The Rules and Government Committee subsequently waived consideration of the above matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Herb Wesson, Chair  
HOUSING, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
|---------------|-------------|
| WESSON        | YES         |
| REYES         | ABSENT      |
| GARCETTI      | ABSENT      |
| CARDENAS      | ABSENT      |
| PERRY         | ABSENT      |

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MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATION  
JUN 27 2008

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