

COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

FILE NO. 08-1783

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER GREIG SMITH, CHAIR
JOBS, BUSINESS GROWTH, AND TAX REFORM COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, JOBS, BUSINESS GROWTH, AND TAX REFORM COMMITTEE relative to runaway film and television production in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Garcetti - Greuel):

1. CONCUR with the Public Works Committee Report recommendations from its February 18, 2009 committee meeting (attached to the council file).
2. ADD the Harbor Department and the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to the Film Industry Parking Task Force.
3. REQUEST that the Film Industry Parking Task Force report back to Council within 90 days with regard to the progress made in connection with all the recommendations of the Public Works Committee Report.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Engineer. Neither the CAO or the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Summary:

At a special meeting on March 24, 2009, your Committee Chair considered Motion (Garcetti - Greuel) relative to runaway film and television production in the City. The motion states that our region like other parts of the country is experiencing economic pains. At this critical time it is important to attract and retain good jobs. The City lost the production of hit television show Ugly Betty to New York City. It is imperative that to look at the facts surrounding ABC's decision to move production to another city and take immediate steps to attract and retain jobs in Los Angeles.

During the consideration of this item, Chief Legislative Analyst staff discussed the recommendations made when this item was taken up by the Public Works Committee on February 18, 2009. Your Committee Chair concurred with the report with the additional recommendation of adding the LAWA and Harbor Department to the Film Industry Parking Task Force and for the said task force to report back in 90 days in regard to the progress made in connection with all the recommendations.

After additional discussion and offering the opportunity for public comment, approval of the recommendations as reflected above, was recommended. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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