Arts and cultural endeavors in the City of Los Angeles create and stimulate tourism and other revenues for the city, as well as jobs and associated earnings for the creative industries which are the lifeblood of our city. They also provide artistic exposure and opportunities which are a critical component of youth development. Cuts to arts programming disproportionately effect lower-income, under-served neighborhoods, and can create a long-term detrimental ripple effect on livability for our citizens.

Furthermore, even in the midst of the most difficult economic challenges, the City must honor its obligations, including the fulfillment of grants which have been approved and for which, planning and work may have commenced and/or expenses incurred by the grantees, based on the City’s commitment to award a grant.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Item #10, recommendations regarding Cultural Affairs #46 (a) through (c) of the CAO’s "Three Year Plan to Fiscal Sustainability" be referred back to the City Council Budget & Finance Committee and request that the Department of Cultural Affairs and the CAO submit a joint report on the following:

1. Alternative efficiencies throughout the City budget necessary to prevent the cancellation of grants which have been approved for 2009-2010;
2. Alternative efficiencies throughout the City budget necessary to prevent the suspension of the Cultural Affairs Grant Program for 2010-11;
3. List, description and location of projects awarded DCA grants during the past three years.
4. Number of jobs, associated earnings and other revenues generated by projects awarded DCA grants during the past three years in Los Angeles.
5. Projected impact on jobs, associated earnings and other revenues that the suspension of the grant program for 2010-11 would have in Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY: JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY: [Signature]
MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of the Communication from the City Administrative Officer relative to the Mid-Year Financial Status Report and Three-Year Plan to Fiscal Sustainability, Item No. 10 on today's Council Agenda (CF 09-0600-S159) BE AMENDED to pursue changes in State law to have State grants, especially grants for parks, be provided on a non-reimbursible basis, as follows:

RESOLVE, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2009-2010 State Legislative Program sponsorship and support of emergency legislation to have State grants, especially grants for parks, be provided on a non-reimbursible basis in order to make these funds immediately available to the City instead of having the City advance the funds and wait for reimbursement from the State.

PRESENTED BY: JANICE HAHN
Councilwoman, 15th District

SECONDED BY:

February 3, 2009

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I MOVE, that the matter of the Communication from the City Administrative Officer relative to the Mid-Year (Third) Financial Status Report and Three-Year Plan to Fiscal Sustainability, Item 10 on today's Council agenda (Council File 09-0600-S159), BE AMENDED to establish a Working Group consisting of the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief, the City Administrative Officer, the Chief Legislative Analyst, or their respective designees, and a representative of the Police Union to identify efficiency opportunities within the Police and Fire Departments which would equate to budgetary savings.

I FURTHER MOVE, that the Working Group report within 30 days to joint meetings of the Public Safety and Personnel Committees of the Council.

PRESENTED BY: Greig-Smith
Councilmember 12th District

SECONDED BY:
The Department of Water & Power (DWP) has long contracted out its line clearing work to private tree trimming crews, even though Bureau of Street Services Urban Forestry employees are capable of handling this job, as long as they receive proper training. The recent proposal by the CAO, as part of the Mid-Year Financial Status Report, calls for eliminating 100 positions at the Bureau of Street Services and privatizing the City's tree trimming function.

BSS's Urban Forestry Division stands to absorb all of the positions targeted for elimination at Street Services (30 percent are Tree Surgeons or Tree Surgeon Assistants), which represents 10% of the cuts for the whole City. Rather than taking this step, we should increase the efficiency of tree trimming operations by having the Bureau contract with the DWP to assume responsibility for line clearing, as well as tree trimming operations at Recreation and Parks and other departments. At the request of the union, the CAO has initiated discussion with DWP on this subject.

There may be concerns about the ability of the Urban Forestry Division to take on this additional workload given the number of BSS employees that are retiring through ERIP. Now is the time to explore a proposal by SEIU to create a "Tree Surgeon Academy" to train the next generation of arborists, using the best-trained experts in the field, our employees. The Academy could also serve to train existing workers the skills they need to take on new roles.

In addition, the Director of BSS has indicated that DWP is willing to contract with the Bureau for a sum that should cover the majority of the salaries and benefits of dedicated crews required to perform trench resurfacing as part of the utility's line replacement project, that is expected to take at least 5-10 years to complete and has the potential to add millions of dollars in new revenue for the City, which can be used to keep BSS employees on the job. The CAO, DWP and BSS have initiated conversations regarding a potential MOU.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be instructed to immediately begin negotiating a contract between the Bureau of Street Services and the City's proprietary departments and Recreation & Parks Department to take over responsibility for line clearance and tree trimming, using existing Urban Forestry staff at risk of termination.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services, CAO and labor representatives for BSS be instructed to meet and discuss how to develop and implement a "Tree Surgeon Academy" to quickly train and employ as apprentices any additional staff that is needed to fill these contracts, as well as to train existing employees any new skills they need to learn in order to handle their new responsibilities working on contract for other City departments.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO and the Bureau of Street Services be instructed to immediately prepare a contract between the DWP and BSS to handle trench repair associated with DWP's line replacement project.

PRESENTED BY: JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember
14th District

SECONDED BY: TONY CARDenas

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MOTION

I MOVE, that the matter of the Communication from the City Administrative Officer relative to the Mid-Year Financial Status Report and Three-Year Plan to Fiscal Sustainability, Item 10 on today's Council agenda (Council File 09-0600-S159), BE AMENDED as follows:

1. Delete Recommendation No. 46(c) in the Financial Status Report regarding suspension of the Cultural Affairs Grant Program for fiscal year 2010-2011;

2. Refer Recommendation No. 47 in the Financial Status Report regarding the elimination of the Department of Disability to the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee and for Council consideration and report back to Council within 30 days;

3. Refer Recommendation No. 49 in the Financial Status Report regarding the elimination of the Human Services Department to the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee and report back to Council within 30 days.

PRESENTED BY: 
ERIC GARCETTI
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY: 
TOM LABONGE
Councilmember, 4th District

JAN PERRY
Councilmember, 9th District

DENNIS ZINE
Councilmember, 1st District

BERNARD PARKS
Councilmember, 8th District

GREG SMITH
Councilmember, 12th District

February 3, 2010
MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of the Communication from the City Administrative Officer relative to the Mid-Year Financial Status Report and Three-Year Plan to Fiscal Sustainability, Item No. 10 on today’s Council Agenda (CF 09-0600-S159) BE AMENDED to RESOLVE that if the Council does not achieve a decision on this matter by close of business on Friday, February 5, 2010, the Council shall meet daily in special session, or on a continuation basis, as appropriate, beginning Monday, February 8, 2010 in order to take actions to balance the Budget for FY 09-10 and to continue to make decisions to prepare a balanced budget for FY 10-11.

PRESENTED BY:  

JAN/C. PERRY  
Councilwoman, 9th District

SECONDED BY:  

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February 3, 2009
MOTION

The City faces one of the most severe financial crises in decades. While the severity of the situation requires the City to cut services to taxpayers and residents, in order to maintain the City's financial health, it is incumbent on the City to protect core services. The City is considering recommendations or actions that mostly include cuts in employees and services, including the layoff of over 1,000 city employees and consequent cuts in services to residents. Prior to embarking on such a drastic measure, the City should examine a number of viable measures to deal with the fiscal crisis.

Therefore, I move that the Financial Status Report dated January 29, 2010, Item 10 on today’s Council Agenda (CF 09-0600-S159), BE AMENDED, consistent with other, earlier Council Motions as follows:

1. Authorize the CAO to negotiate amendments to all City contracts to provide at least a ten percent reduction in the value of any contracts with vendors, consultants, and contractors as part of the City’s Shared Sacrifice program.
2. Authorize the CAO to provide a preference in the award of future contracts to those vendors, consultants, and contractors who negotiate at least a ten percent reduction in the value of their current contracts.

CO-PRESENTED BY:

RICHARD ALARCÓN
Councilmember, 7th District

JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember, 14th District

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Therefore, I move that the Financial Status Report dated January 29, 2010, Item 10 on today’s Council Agenda (CF 09-0600-S159), BE AMENDED, consistent with other, earlier Council Motions as follows:

1. Instruct the CAO and CLA to include all outstanding uncollected tax debts owed to the City, estimated by the Office of Finance to be approximately $400 million, as part of the City’s Reserve Fund as an Accounts Receivable account. The debt figure may be discounted before posting for such factors as collection difficulty, over-assessment, and legal settlements.

2. Instruct the Office of Finance to immediately pursue all legal measures to collect all outstanding delinquent taxes, including such measures as:
   a. cancellation of all City business licenses and permits, and contracts with the delinquent business including any of its subsidiaries
   b. debarment from any City contracts
   c. expediting of City administrative and legal processes to recover the delinquent taxes
   d. hiring additional collections staff and legal assistance

CO-PRESENTED BY:

RICHARD ALARCON
Councilmember, 7th District

JOSÉ HUIZAR
Councilmember, 14th District

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Therefore, I move that the Financial Status Report dated January 29, 2010, Item 10 on today’s Council Agenda (CF 09-0600-S159), BE AMENDED, consistent with other, earlier Council Motions as follows:

1. Instruct LACERS to work with the CAO to expedite processing of the remaining ERIP candidates to assure that they are off the payroll by April 1, 2010, and also hire additional personnel or extend the employment of currently employed exempt employees necessary to help expedite the process;

2. Extend ERIP to all employees currently on the existing waiting list and possibly extend the program to an additional 500 employees;

CO-REPRESENTED BY:

RICHARD ALARCÓN
Councilmember, 7th District

JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember, 14th District

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Therefore, I move that the Financial Status Report dated January 29, 2010, Item 10 on today’s Council Agenda (CF 09-0600-S159), BE AMENDED, consistent with other, earlier Council Motions as follows:

Instruct the CAO and to ensure that any personnel action taken to reduce City staff shall exclude any employees whose work generates revenues for the City such as those employees who collect the City’s debt, provide services for fees, etc.

RICHARD ALARCÓN
Councilmember, 7th District

JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember, 14th District
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Therefore, I move that the Financial Status Report dated January 29, 2010, Item 10 on today’s Council Agenda (CF 09-0600-S159), BE AMENDED, consistent with other, earlier Council Motions as follows:

Instruct the CAO to require proprietary departments to expedite the transfer of general fund employees to the proprietary department and to require all City departments to expedite the transfer of general fund employees to positions funded by special funds, particularly funds available through ARRA, to accomplish the transfers by March 1, 2010, or as soon as vacancies become available.

The CAO shall report to the Council weekly on the progress of this action until the transfers are complete or otherwise directed by the Council.

CO-PRESENTED BY:

RICHARD ALARCÓN
Councilmember, 7th District

JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember, 14th District
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Therefore, I move that the Financial Status Report dated January 29, 2010, Item 10 on today’s Council Agenda (CF 09-0600-S159), BE AMENDED, consistent with other, earlier Council Motions as follows:

Instruct the CAO and CLA to provide revenue enhancement concepts and proposals other than privatization of City assets for the Council’s consideration. The proposals shall include alternative proposals to enhance revenues from parking structures other than the pending leasing proposal presented to Council on February 2, 2010.

CO-PRESENTED BY:

RICHARD ALARCON
Councilmember, 7th District

JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember, 14th District
MOTION

The CAO’s Mid-Year Financial Status Report and Three-Year Plan to Fiscal Sustainability, Item #10 on today’s Council agenda, discusses the efforts of City departments to identify general funded positions that may be transferred to special funded positions to reduced General Fund expenses. The City’s Proprietary departments have also been instructed to attempt to fill vacancies through transfer of non-proprietary department, and the Council has asked the CAO and the Personnel Department to facilitate the identification of positions that could be filled by General Funded staff.

The Personnel Department has completed its preliminary review of vacancies at Proprietary Departments and in Special Funds and has identified nearly positions that are, or may soon become, vacant and available for filling by General Funded city staff. The urgency of the City’s budget situation will not allow for any delay in moving forward with the initial list of transfers, in order to maximize General Fund savings. All position authorities that are vacated by City staff should immediately be deleted from the 2009-10 Budget to ensure no backfilling that will reduce those savings.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Item #10 on the Wednesday, February 3, 2010 City Council Agenda, the Budget & Finance Committee Majority Report relative to the Mid-Year Financial Status Report and Three-Year Plan to Fiscal Sustainability, to add the following instructions:

1. Instruct the Personnel Department and the CAO, with the support and cooperation of all City and Proprietary departments, to immediately proceed with the transfer of City staff from General Funded to Special Funded and Proprietary Department vacancies identified in the Personnel Department’s preliminary review of vacant positions.

2. Instruct the CAO to eliminate from the 2009-10 Budget the General Funded positions immediately upon the creation of the vacancy, in order to maximize General Fund savings from these transfers.

PRESENTED BY: Janice Hahn
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: Paul Krekorian

February 3, 2010
MOTION

The City faces one of the most severe financial crises in decades. While the severity of the situation requires the City to cut services to taxpayers and residents, in order to maintain the City’s financial health, it is incumbent on the City to protect core services. The City is considering recommendations or actions that mostly include cuts in employees and services, including the layoff of over 1,000 city employees and consequent cuts in services to residents. Prior to embarking on such a drastic measure, the City should examine a number of viable measures to deal with the fiscal crisis. It is particularly important for the City to maximize the use of ARRA ("Stimulus) funds made available to the City “for the purposes of (1) preserving and creating jobs and (2) stimulating economic growth.

Therefore, I move that the Financial Status Report dated January 29, 2010, Item 10 on today’s Council Agenda (CF 09-0600-S159), BE AMENDED, consistent with other, earlier Council Motions as follows:

1. Instruct the budget analyst for each City department to report on the use of the ARRA funds in the department.
2. The report should include at least the following:
   a. The nature and amount of funds for which the department has applied
   b. The nature and amount of funds for which the department is eligible
   c. The amount approved and the amount received
   d. The number of jobs proposed to be preserved or created and the actual number of jobs that have been preserved or created.
3. The report shall be provided within one week and shall continue to be provided each week until further notice.

PRESENTED BY:

RICHARD ALARCÓN
Councilmember, 7th District
MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of the Communication from the City Administrative Officer relative to the Mid-Year Financial Status Report and Three-Year Plan to Fiscal Sustainability, Item No. 10 on today's Council Agenda (CF 09-0600-S159) BE AMENDED to instruct the CAO to consider a new solution for raising revenues: the sale of tax liens or any other kind of liens held by the City, inasmuch as this practice has been successfully utilized by such entities as New York City as well as the school districts of Los Angeles County.

PRESENTED BY:  
JANICE HAHN  
Councilwoman, 15th District

SECONDED BY:  

February 3, 2009

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I MOVE, that the matter of the Communication from the City Administrative Officer relative to the Mid-Year Financial Status Report and Three-Year Plan to Fiscal Sustainability, Item 10 on today's Council agenda (Council File 09-0600-S159), BE AMENDED to refer Recommendation No. 59 in the Financial Status Report regarding the transfer of $10 million in AB1290 funds to the Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee;

PRESENTED BY
HERB WESSON
Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY

February 3, 2010
MOTION

I MOVE, that the matter of the Communication from the City Administrative Officer relative to the Mid-Year Financial Status Report and Three-Year Plan to Fiscal Sustainability, Item 10 on today’s Council agenda (Council File 09-0600-S159), BE AMENDED to instruct the CAO and CLA, with the assistance of departments, to develop revenue generating strategies to mitigate General Fund support when considering elimination or consolidation of any City department; and further include job development consideration through additional grants and public/private partnership opportunities.

PRESENTED BY

ED P. REYES
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY

February 3, 2010
MOTION

I MOVE, that the matter of the Communication from the City Administrative Officer relative to the Mid-Year (Third) Financial Status Report and Three-Year Plan to Fiscal Sustainability, Item 10 on today’s Council agenda (Council File 09-0600-S159), BE AMENDED to instruct that no layoffs of City personnel take place in the next 30 days, with the goal of transferring at least 1,000 positions to proprietary, special and vacant funded positions;

In order to continue the process of layoff calculations, I FURTHER MOVE that:

a) General Managers BE INSTRUCTED to identify the potential number and classification of employees required to be laid off; and,

b) The General Manager of the Personnel Department BE INSTRUCTED to calculate all necessary layoffs.

PRESENTED BY: ERIC GARCETTI
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY: Paul Krekorian

February 3, 2010
The recently released Mid-Year Financial Status Report exponentially increases the urgency for City policy makers to act quickly to move civilian positions from the General Fund into Special Funded positions. Employees are expected to find out this week whether the jobs they currently hold are at risk for elimination as part of the 1000-1500 positions that the EERC has called for cutting in order to reduce salary costs in FY2010-11.

Departments are sponsoring job fairs to promote open positions that they have available for workers at risk of being displaced. The more employees who voluntarily agree to a transfer, the fewer people further down the line will need to be bumped or let go. The City should reach out to labor to assist General Managers, Personnel and the CAO in identifying which available positions workers at risk of losing their positions are best qualified for.

There are a number of safely funded positions that are available, some of which have proven hard for General Managers to fill due to the hiring freeze and requirements that existing staff agree to transfer into these positions. Hopefully, workers whose positions are at risk will agree to take these jobs and avoid the stress of going through the “cascading” process, in which several workers potentially would be affected and overall efficiency will decline.

Additionally, we need to take steps to ensure that workers can take full advantage of open positions. Often, employees have many of the skills necessary to complete a task but lack the specific training needed to fill the role. The City has a program through the Community Development Department to retrain workers that have been let go. We should broaden this program to include training workers at risk of being laid off learn the skills they need to fill another available City position. Federal funding is likely available for this purpose.

Another way to help train workers taking over new roles is to have them “shadow” the employees that they are scheduled to replace. With many positions at the Harbor and Airport departments scheduled for replacement currently filled by workers getting ready to retire the CAO and Personnel should work with those their human relations staffs to identify departing workers who could be paired with new hires, with a limited period of overlap for training.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Item #10 on today’s Council agenda pertaining to recommendation #44 in the Mid-Year Financial Status Report (CF#09-0600-S159) be amended to include a formal request by the Council to all of the City’s labor representatives to assist in communicating with their members who may be at risk of having their positions eliminated to find other positions that are special funded or whose funding is more secure.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Community Development Department, with assistance from the CAO and Personnel Department, be requested to expand its displaced worker retraining program to also include workers at risk of being laid off who need to learn new skills.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO and Personnel Department be requested to work with the proprietary departments and departments with vacant special funded positions to come up with a “shadowing” program in which new transfers spend a transition period in training.

PRESENTED BY: JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember
14th District

SECONDED BY: [Signature]
ITEM No. 10

MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of the Communication from the City Administrative Officer relative to the Mid-Year Financial Status Report and Three-Year Plan to Fiscal Sustainability, Item No. 10 on today's Council Agenda (CF 09-0600-S159) BE AMENDED to establish a Working Group consisting of the Department of Cultural Affairs, Department of Aging the Department of Recreation and Parks, the City Administrative Officer, the Chief Legislative Analyst, and a representative(s) of labor to identify efficiency opportunities within the Departments of Cultural Affairs, Aging, and Recreation and Parks including consolidation and reorganization which would equate to budgetary savings.

I FURTHER MOVE, that the Working Group report within 30 days to joint meetings of the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging and Personnel Committees of the Council.

PRESENTED BY:  
TOM LABONGE  
Councilman, 4th District

SECONDED BY:  

February 3, 2009

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MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of the Communication from the City Administrative Officer relative to the Mid-Year Financial Status Report and Three-Year Plan to Fiscal Sustainability, Item No. 10 on today’s Council Agenda (CF 09-0600-S159) BE AMENDED to establish a Working Group consisting of the Department of Public Works, Department of Transportation, the City Administrative Officer, the Chief Legislative Analyst and a representative(s) of labor to identify efficiency opportunities within the Department of Public Works and the Department of Transportation including consolidation and reorganization which would equate to budgetary savings.

I FURTHER MOVE, that the Working Group report within 30 days to joint meetings of the Public Works and Personnel Committees of the Council.

PRESENTED BY: TOM LABONGE
Councilman, 4th District

SECONDED BY: [Signature]

February 3, 2009
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MOTION

The City Council is considering eliminating upwards of 1,500 General Funded positions throughout all City departments in order to address a growing gap between City revenues and expenses, which currently stands at $200M for fiscal year 2009-10. Absent a reduction in General Fund expenses, the City’s fiscal situation is expected to further deteriorate due to a continued downward trend in revenues.

The City’s Controller has identified that roughly half of the positions vacated through the Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP) are funded through special funds or reside in proprietary departments. That means that approximately 1200 special funded positions will be available for current employees to transfer into, eliminating the strain on the City’s General Fund.

Every effort must be made to expedite such transfers, inasmuch as each transfer will help to reduce General Fund costs at a time when drastic cuts are being considered.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Personnel Department, with the assistance LACERS and other pertinent departments, to move quickly to identify all specially funded positions, including those at the proprietary departments, and match employees currently in general funded positions and transfer them into specially funded positions.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council implement Charter Section 1014, relative to emergency transfers, as necessary to allow for employees to transfer into these specially funded positions immediately.

PRESENTED BY: Janice Hahn
Councilwoman, 15th District

SECONDED BY: Paul Krekorian

Feb. 3, 2010
MOTION

The City faces one of the most severe financial crises in decades. While the severity of the situation requires the City to cut services to taxpayers and residents, in order to maintain the City's financial health, it is incumbent on the City to protect core services. The City is considering recommendations or actions that mostly include cuts in employees and services, including the layoff of over 1,000 city employees and consequent cuts in services to residents. Prior to embarking on such a drastic measure, the City should examine a number of viable measures to deal with the fiscal crisis. Employees are a valuable resource for determining more cost-effective and efficient ways to provide services to residents.

Therefore, I move that the Financial Status Report dated January 29, 2010, Item 10 on today’s Council Agenda (CF 09-0600-S159), BE AMENDED, consistent with other, earlier Council Motions as follows:

(1) the CAO and CLA be instructed to form a management-labor committee at each department and an oversight Citywide committee to propose efficiencies and savings in each department, other than those within the purview of the EERC, while preserving core services; including but not limited to
   a. cost efficiencies and cost reductions,
   b. personnel and resource deployment,
   c. administrative restructuring, including department mergers and elimination
The Citywide team shall report to the Council each week on Tuesday or Wednesday until otherwise directed.

PRESENTED BY:

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RICHARD ALARCÓN
Councilmember, 7th District

FEB 3 2010
MOTION

I MOVE that Item #10 on the Wednesday, February 3, 2010 City Council Agenda relative to the Mid-Year Financial Status Report and Three-Year Plan to Fiscal Sustainability, be amended to remove from consideration under Recommendation #45 (Elimination of 1,000 General Funded Positions) any reductions to the Bureau of Engineering that would result in the closure of the West Los Angeles District Office, consistent with the instructions in the 2009-10 Adopted Budget.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering and the CAO report to the City Council with an alternative set of cuts that will maintain the savings anticipated, while dispersing those cuts across the entire Bureau, as appropriate.

PRESENTED BY:  
Bill Rosendahl  
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:  
Paul Krekorian

February 3, 2010
MOTION

The City's financial difficulties and needs are beyond any point that we have seen since the Great depression and we MUST do everything within our power to ensure that Angelenos at this particular vulnerable time continue to receive all services that they are legally entitled. That means that we must reexamine all City operations and wherever necessary, change the way we do business to ensure optimal use of City resources.

Currently City's fleet inventory is in excess of 12,000 units of fleet equipment, the City runs over 50 fleet repair facilities, employs over 1000 fleet operations personnel, and spends over $100 million in fleet operations (from purchases to remarketing) on an annual basis. These costs do not include the fleet operations of the City's proprietary departments.

City's fleet service operations are administered by the departments of General Services, Police, and Fire for the general city fleet, Police fleet, and Fire fleet respectively. The City's fleet repair facilities cater exclusively to the following categories: aerial fleet repairs, landfill, light duty shops, parking enforcement (light duty only), refuse equipment, Fire Department, and Police Department Fleet.

The city needs but lacks a comprehensive and uniform blueprint which identifies and prioritizes City fleet goals for any given period. The City lacks ongoing strategic direction in its segmented fleet operation as operational decision making is made in silos and with very little regard to economies of scale. It is therefore imperative that we recognize various opportunities that have been presented to us in disguise, by the current budgetary challenges. Such opportunities include: reduction in fleet size to save money and improve efficiency; uniform technology solutions for more effective management including fully automated fuel management, fully automated fuel management, GPS and effective fleet operations consolidation.

The City will lose more than 100 fleet operations' staff in 2010 with no practical way to replace all retired mechanics, yet these functions are very vital and without which the City would face negligent liabilities due to accidents resulting from deferred maintenance.

I THEREFORE MOVE that that the City Council authorize the formation of a taskforce and direct the LAPD, LAFD and General Services department to work with the CLA, CAO and the Mayor's Office to come up with solutions including but not limited to the following:

1. An immediate service sharing plan that would allow the City to manage all its fleet operations with existing staff after ERIP
2. Comprehensive fleet management consolidation plan for GSD, Police and Fire
3. Fleet Cost charge backs to hold all general managers accountable for the cost of their departmental fleet needs
4. Fleet reduction strategy to include rightsizing plan, utilization standards
5. Industry best practices to help increase efficiency

I FURTHER MOVE that the said taskforce, report back to Council in 30 days followed by monthly updates to City Council and Mayor, with goals, milestones and resource needs necessary to make the City fleet operation more cost effective.

Presented By

Dennis P. Zine
Councilman, 3rd District

Seconded By

FEB 3 2010
MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of the Communication from the City Administrative Officer relative to the Mid-Year Financial Status Report and Three-Year Plan to Fiscal Sustainability, Item 10 on today’s Council agenda (Council File 09-0600-S159), BE AMENDED to Refer Recommendation No. 50 in the Financial Status Report regarding the Modifications to the funding of the Neighborhood Empowerment Program to the Education and Neighborhoods Committee and report back to the Council within 30 days.

PRESENTED BY: Paul Krekorian
PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY: Paul Krekorian
The discussion of today’s Mid-Year Financial Status Report (FSR) has been made more complicated by the inclusion of a new Three-Year Plan to Fiscal Sustainability. While the CAO is to be commended for attempting to develop a long-term strategy for how to steer the City through its upcoming challenges, the Council needs to focus on the next few months.

With a $200M deficit that must be filled quickly so that we can begin focusing on the 2010-11 budget in late April, the Council needs a Short-Term Plan for Fiscal Solvency. Such a plan should have a focus of no more than six months, as there is little reason to focus on problems we will be facing two or three years from now when we are facing fiscal crisis on the horizon.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Item #10 on today’s Council agenda pertaining to the Mid-Year Financial Status Report and Three-Year Plan to Fiscal Sustainability (CF#09-0600-S159) be amended to include an instruction to the CAO that they produce within 5 days a Short-Term Plan for Fiscal Solvency to aid the Council in making decisions that have the potential to increase revenue or reduce costs within the current fiscal year or beginning of FY2010-11.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CLA be instructed to update its matrix of proposed revenue generating ideas, produced for the special meetings of the Council devoted to developing ways to increase our General Fund, along with a calendar of dates for when Council must act to place any of these matters on an upcoming Citywide ballot.

PRESENTED BY: JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember
14th District

SECONDED BY: Paul Kusz

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MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of the Communication from the City Administrative Officer relative to the Three-Year Plan to Fiscal Sustainability, Item No. 10 on today's Council Agenda (CF 09-0600-S159) BE AMENDED to adopt the following relative to the Convention Center Proposal:

a. Request CAO to report back on the retention of bond counsel to advise the Council on whether the Convention Center’s tax-exempt bond status allows the City to privatize the management and operations of the Convention Center.

b. Request CAO to describe financial expectations for this privatization proposal, including whether we are seeking up-front financial commitments, capital investments, or revenue sharing proposals.

c. Refer the above reports to the Trade, Commerce & Tourism Committee for further discussion and recommendations before a “Request for Proposals” for the management and operations of the Convention Center is issued.

Presented by

JANICE HAHN
Councilmember, 15th District

Seconded by

February 3, 2010
MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of the Communication from the City Administrative Officer relative to the Mid-Year Financial Status Report and Three-Year Plan to Fiscal Sustainability, Item No. 10 on today’s Council Agenda (CF 09-0600-S159) BE AMENDED to instruct the Office of Finance to immediately release a new Request for Proposals (RFP) for all primary collection efforts.

PRESENTED BY:  
JANICE HAHN  
Councilwoman, 15th District

SECONDED BY:  

February 3, 2009