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The CAO's Mid-Year Financial Status report has made it abundantly clear that this City's leadership needs to quickly develop strategies for how to address our short, mid and long-term financial challenges. The fact that the recommendations contained in the report itself do little to address this fiscal year's over \$200 million shortfall adds urgency to this exercise.

Critically important, particularly to some of the City's most marginalized residents, are our human services. The Council has taken gradual steps over the past several years to consolidate a number of departments and commissions that were created in the Bradley era. This process should continue and be broadened to include the departments on Disability and Aging, which have significant areas of policy overlap with the Department of Human Services.

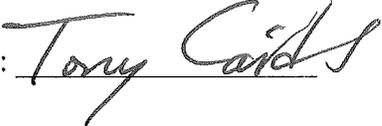
Another area that should be explored more closely is the concept of merging various functions around housing and development. A previous Council motion (Smith #09-0600) proposed consolidating the Community Redevelopment Agency and the Community Development Department. This idea should be explored further, with the additional consideration of taking the development-oriented portions of the Housing Department and including them in a new Department of Housing, Community & Economic Development.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Item #11 on today's Council agenda, the "Communication from the CAO relative to a Three Year Plan to Fiscal Sustainability BE AMENDED as follows:

Instruct the CAO to report back to Council in 10 days with an analysis of the following item:

- 1) Potential savings from merging departments on Disability, Aging and Human Services.
- 2) Potential income that could be gained from bonding against future coin meter revenues.
- 3) Feasibility of merging Community Development Department, CRA and part of LAHD.

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