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WHEREAS, City Attorney-elect Carmen Trutanich has declared his desire to not use taxpayer funds to finance his transition staff, facilities, events, and activities, but rather to finance these expenses by obtaining gifts to the City from voluntary non-governmental sources; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has approved such private financing mechanisms in the past and continues to believe that utilizing such a private financing mechanism as is now proposed by City Attorney-elect Trutanich is in the best interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney-elect's proposal requires immediate action by the City Council and such action is necessary to promote the best interests of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Attorney-elect is hereby authorized and directed to solicit and accept gifts made to the City for the purpose of financing the City Attorney-elect's transition staff and expenses incurred between May 20, 2009 and August 30, 2009, and to deposit such cash gifts in a public benefit trust fund hereby established for such transition purposes (the "Fund") in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$100,000 and with no gift from any one source to exceed \$1,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gifts made by the donors to the City for such purposes are hereby accepted on behalf of the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Attorney-elect's transition organization shall have authority to make expenditures out of the Fund for the sole purposes of paying the reasonable costs and expenses associated with City Attorney-elect's transition, such as for staff, equipment, supplies, meeting space, parking, telephones, postage, and swearing-in events, and provided further that the office of the City Controller is hereby authorized to deposit any unspent cash gifts on hand after payment of all of the costs and expenses associated with City Attorney-elect's transition into the City's General Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Controller is hereby requested to process any requests for disbursements submitted to the City Controller by a designated representative of the City Attorney-elect's transition organization within 24 hours of receipt of such request for disbursement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney is hereby authorized and requested to prepare any necessary agreements, documents, or other instruments to memorialize and implement the foregoing, the President of the City Council is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City any such agreements, documents, or other instruments in the form approved by the City Attorney.

PRESENTED BY:

ERIC GARCETTI

Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY:

June 2, 2009