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INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

MOTION

The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) administers federal public housing programs that serve Los Angeles's neediest families. When HACLA misspends funds, it directly reduces the funding available to assist these families.

A seven-member commission oversees administration of HACLA's funds. The commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Federal and state law, however, preclude direct City oversight of the commission or the agency.

To protect taxpayer dollars and the families who depend on HACLA's programs, Councilmember Perry introduced a motion that I seconded in 2009 asking the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance that would give the City Council direct authority over the agency. This motion requested that the ordinance be modeled on the existing Community Redevelopment Agency Oversight Ordinance, which requires Council approval of certain Commission actions, including the selection of the Agency Administrator and establishment of or amendments to any direct or indirect compensation for agency staff including salaries, bonuses and benefits.


The proposed HACLA oversight ordinance cannot be implemented without Federal and State legislation, and Councilmembers have conveyed the need for such legislation to the federal government.

The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles must be accountable to the people of Los Angeles. That requires direct oversight by their locally-elected representatives. Recent revelations of HACLA wrongdoing demonstrate the urgent and crucial need for Federal and State government to immediately work with the City of Los Angeles to increase transparency and accountability at the Authority.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council officially request the Governor of California, the State Senate President Pro Tempore, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the U.S. Secretary for Housing and Urban Development draft legislation on the behalf of the residents of Los Angeles to provide for direct City oversight of HACLA.

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