TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your BUDGET AND FINANCE Committee

reports as follows:

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to an update from the Office of Finance (Finance) to the Accounts Receivable Citywide Improvement Initiatives.

Recommendations for Council action:

- 1. DIRECT citywide departments to be timely and responsive to the Finance's citywide penalty and interest implementation coordinating efforts of the City Revenue Manager.
- 2. INSTRUCT Finance to report back on a regular basis with a comprehensive report on Accounts Receivable Citywide Improvement Initiatives and coordinate future reporting including the frequency of reporting with the new Inspector General of Collections.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: None submitted by Finance. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At its meeting of August 27, 2012, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a Finance report relative to an update to the Accounts Receivable Citywide Improvement Initiatives including the status of implementing Commission on Revenue Efficiency (CORE) Blueprint for Reform of City Collections recommendations.

Finance reports on the progress in implementing initiatives recommended by the Macias Consulting Group Study (Macias Study), Feasibility and Implementation Study: Centralization of Billing and Collection Activities (2009); 2010 City Controller's Follow-Up Audit on Citywide Billing and Collection Practices; CORE's Blueprint for Reform of City Collections (October 2010); and previous City Council actions under Council file no. 10-0225. The accounts receivable related directives of the City Controller, Macias Study, CORE and City Council and initiatives that Finance is proposing and undertaking are identified in Exhibit i of the Finance report, attached to the Council file.

During Committee consideration, Finance representatives and the new Inspector General of Collections provided an overview of the accounts receivable initiatives and responded to related questions from Committee members. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Budget and Finance Committee recommended to approve the Finance recommendations as amended in Committee and reflected above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

VOTE YES <u>MEMBER</u> KREKORIAN: ENGLANDER: CARDENAS: YES **ABSENT** ROSENDAHL: **ABSENT** KORETZ: YES

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