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MOTION

To ensure public scrutiny and input within the overall City of Los Angeles budget process, the City of Los Angeles Charter requires the Mayor to present a draft budget to the City Council on April 20th of each year. The City Council is required by charter to review, modify if necessary and act on the budget by June 1st.

In contrast, there is no similar deadline in place for public presentation of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) proposed budget, and action on a final LADWP budget is required on June 30th, the day before the new fiscal year begins and 29 days after the overall City budget must be passed.

This current LADWP budget process does not guarantee adequate public scrutiny and creates uncertainty within the City's overall budgeting process.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney, in consultation with the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the City Administrative Officer (CAO), be requested to draft a proposed Charter Amendment to Article VI for the March 2011 ballot requiring the General Manger of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to present a draft budget on or before April 20th to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners and action to be taken on the proposed budget by June 1st.

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