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March 17, 2011

To All Interested Parties:

**Chief Legislative Analyst** 

I HEREBY CERTIFY that City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council file No. <u>10-1686</u>, at its meeting held <u>March 1, 2011</u>.

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# ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA MAYOR

March 15, 2011

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council c/o City Clerk Room 395, City Hall

Re: Council File No. 10-1686: City's Position on the Feasibility of Annexing the City of

Vernon into the City of Los Angeles

## Honorable Members:

Today, I return this file without signature. Though I support the intent of AB 46 (Pérez), which is to disincorporate the City of Vernon, I believe it is important that the City of Los Angeles explore the possibility of annexing Vernon into the City. The original motion, introduced by Councilmember Janice Hahn, provides for support for AB 46 if amended to include language that provides for the annexation of Vernon into Los Angeles. This motion was then amended to support the bill in its current form therefore supporting discincorporation of Vernon and subsequent annexation into the County of Los Angeles.

I am not prepared to support any action that prevents the City of Los Angeles from exploring the possibility of annexing Vernon into the City.

Very truly yours,

ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA

Mayor

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# SUBJECT TO THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL

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#### COMMUNICATION

TO:

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

FILE NO. 10-1686

FROM:

COUNCILMEMBER JOSE HUIZAR, VICE CHAIR

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

COMMUNICATION FROM THE VICE CHAIR, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE and RESOLUTION relative to the City's position on the feasibility of annexing the City of Vernon into the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Hahn - Perry), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

- 1. INITIATE discussions with the elected officials of the City of Vernon to explore the possibility of annexing Vernon into the City of Los Angeles.
- 2. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2011-12 State Legislative Program:
  - a. SUPPORT of AB 46 (Perez) which would dissolve cities with fewer than 150 residents IF AMENDED to prioritize the annexation of such areas into adjacent incorporated general law or Charter cities if an unincorporated "island" is formed as a result of the dissolution to ensure the efficient provision of services.
  - b. PURSUE the annexation of the City of Vernon through any process established by the State should State law be passed to allow for an involuntary dissolution process for cities.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

#### Summary:

On February 8, 2011, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee Vice Chair considered a CLA report and Resolution in response to Motion (Hahn - Perry) relative to the City's position on the feasibility of annexing the City of Vernon into the City of Los Angeles. The report, attached to the Council file, provides additional details on this issue. During the discussion of this item, the CLA representative provided an overview of its report and responded to related questions from the Committee Vice Chair.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee Vice Chair recommended that Council approve the recommendations contained in the CLA report, as reflected above.

This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNÇÍLMEMBER JOSE HUIZAR, VICE CHAIR PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>VOTE</u> ABSENT

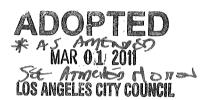
MEMBER REYES HUIZAR

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YES **ABSENT** 

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- Not Official Until Council Acts -



### MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND the Communication from Vice Chair, Planning and Land Use Management Committee (Item #14, Council file 10-1686) relative to the feasibility of annexing the City of Vernon into the City of Los Angeles as follows:

1. AMEND Recommendation 2a as follows:

RESOLVE that the City of Los Angeles include in its 2011-12 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 46 (Perez) that would dissolve cities with fewer than 150 residents IF AMENDED to protect the 50,000 jobs in Vernon by ensuring the stability of electrical generation rates, public safety service, land use regulations, and the current business tax structure.

- 2. DELETE Recommendation 2b relative to pursuing annexation of the City of Vernon.
- 3. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst to report back to Council when amendments to AB 46 have been drafted.

PRESENTED BY_	
_	JANICE HAHN
	Councilmember, 15 <sup>th</sup> District
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PRESENTED BY_	
	BILL ROSENDAHL
	Councilmember, 11th District

March 1, 2011 CF 10-1686

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#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, recent news reports indicate that the District Attorney, Attorney General, and other governmental officials are focused on concerns with fiscal, housing, and operational issues in the City of Vernon; and

WHEREAS, many of these reports suggest that a change in the jurisdictional nature of Vernon, including the dissolution of Vernon, may be necessary to correct the issues that have been identified; and

WHEREAS, AB 46 (Perez) has been introduced to immediately dissolve any city with fewer than 150 residents; and

WHEREAS, any change in State law causing the dissolution of a city should ensure that a plan is in place to provide for the efficient continuation of services to the area; and

WHEREAS, any change in State law causing the dissolution of a city should not create an unincorporated "island", an unincorporated area completely surrounded by incorporated cities, but rather should include a process to ensure the expeditious annexation of that area into an adjacent city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is an immediate neighbor to Vernon, is a Charter City, operates its own electric and water utilities, and would be most impacted by any potential dissolution of Vernon; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should engage in conversation with Vernon to ensure that a clear line of communication is established to prepare for any change in jurisdiction that may result either from changes in State law or by agreement with neighboring jurisdictions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2011-2012 State Legislative Program SUPPORT of AB 46 (Perez) that would dissolve cities with fewer than 150 residents IF AMENDED to prioritize the annexation of such areas into adjacent incorporated general law or Charter cities if an unincorporated "island" is formed as a result of the dissolution to ensure the efficient provision of services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2011-2012 State Legislative Program should State law be passed to allow for an involuntary dissolution process for cities, the City wishes to pursue the annexation of the City of CENTRAL THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND STREETING OF MAR 0 1 2011 BY ANGELES AND STREETING OF MAR 0 1 2011 BY ANGELES

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