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National wireless carriers have become increasingly competitive, offering consumers unlimited data and calling plans with attractive rates. Given the current fiscal climate, the City of Los Angeles could realize potential savings from new wireless company proposals or renegotiation of existing contracts. The City should consider vendors that offer competitive rates and are willing to work with the City to remediate billing discrepancies.

Historically, the City has managed its procurement of cellular services through a decentralized process by which departments are responsible for the issuing, activation and payment of cellular phone services. Currently, General Managers have the authority and responsibility to review and approve the issuance of cellular phones, pagers and internet cards, monitor their usage, and ensure that all employees adhere to departmental usage guidelines.

The City should evaluate the feasibility of a centralized process for procurement of cellular phone services to achieve optimal savings and discounts. Additionally, departments should review their existing agreements and identify opportunities for reducing or avoiding costs based on renegotiation of existing terms and plans or consideration of new proposals (e.g. changing vendors, subscribing to a new plan, etc.).

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer (CAO), the Department of General Services (GSD) and the Information Technology Agency (ITA), in consultation with the following departments, report on possible opportunities for achieving cost savings through renegotiating existing cellular phone service contracts within 15 days:

Aging Animal Services Building and Safety City Attorney City Clerk Controller City Administrative Officer **Community Development Convention** Center **Cultural Affairs** Disability El Pueblo **Emergency Management Ethics** Commission Finance Fire **General Services**

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Housing Library Information Technology Agency Neighborhood Empowerment Personnel Planning Police Public Works: Board of Public Works Bureau of Engineering Bureau of Contract Administration Bureau of Sanitation Bureau of Street Lighting Bureau of Street Services **Recreation and Parks** Transportation Treasurer Zoo

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO, GSD and ITA provide recommendations on a procurement policy for cellular phone service agreements, including methods to achieve optimal savings on existing and future contracts, within 15 days.

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