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Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and
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As you know the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees ("AFSCME") represents the Basic, Supervisory, Professional, and Management bargaining units (Locals 164, 585, 1890, and 2204) at the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles ("CRA/LA"). We have appreciated the recognition that the City has given us over the years in praising our efforts.

On Tuesday, you will consider approving additional positions for LAHD due to your election to retain the housing assets and function previously performed by CRA/LA. We ask as you do so that you take the following steps:

1. Hire qualified CRA/LA employees prior to considering other outside candidates (now and in the future)
2. Honor each hired CRA/LA employee's seniority

As you recall, we believe that you are legally obligated to hire the staff and the City will receive the CRA/LA housing portfolio which currently generates about \$11 million in revenue each year. This is more than enough revenue to support the former CRA/LA staff members.

Taking these steps will not only add to the talent of the City, but also support the new obligations the City is assuming – all while treating the former CRA/LA employees with the respect they deserve.

Thank you,

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