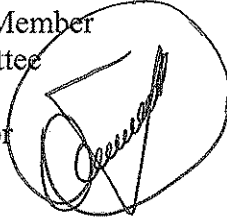


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DATE: April 23, 2012

TO: Honorable Paul Krekorian, Chair
Honorable Mitchell Englander, Vice Chair
Honorable Tony Cardenas, Member
Honorable Paul Koretz, Member
Honorable Bill Rosendahl, Member
Budget and Finance Committee

FROM: Enrique C. Zaldivar, Director
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SUBJECT: **BUREAU OF SANITATION – MAYOR’S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-13**

In concert with the Mayor's efforts to address the City's fiscal challenges, Sanitation (SAN) and its nearly 2800 employees recognize and are proud to be part of the City family's collective participation in resolving the budget gap. The Mayor's proposed budget addresses the Bureau's budget priorities, with the following minor comments:

The proposed funding reduction for our Watershed Protection Program related activities as proposed (Page 507 – Items 15 and 17) will have no impact to the current service levels. The current service levels include performing maintenance in the City's 38,000 catch basins at a frequency of 1.3 cleanings per catch basin per year, responding to 3,000 customer service requests, maintaining 148 channels, clearing 52 debris basins, performing preventive maintenance on 10 stormwater pump stations and 5 low flow diversions. Sanitation is currently working with the CAO, CLA, and the Mayor's Office on developing and implementing an optimization program for the completed Proposition "O" projects and working with the County of Los Angeles on developing a Water Quality Funding Initiative that provides long term financial sustainability for the watershed protection program.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the Bureau of Sanitation. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of these items further, please feel free to contact myself at (213) 485-2210 or Lisa Mowery, the Bureau's Chief Financial Officer at (213) 485-2374.

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