

COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

File No. 12-1436

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER PAUL KREKORIAN, CHAIR
COUNCILMEMBER PAUL KORETZ, MEMBER
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, relative to implementing a searchable database of names of parking violation citation refunds which have gone uncollected and related matters.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Krekorian - Buscaino):

1. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to work with all appropriate departments to implement a searchable database of names of parking violation citation refunds which have gone uncollected, so that the individuals owed money by the city can collect it and REQUEST specific assistance from the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and the Information Technology Agency with regard to development of the proposed searchable database.
2. REQUEST a report from the Office of Finance on its outreach procedures to attempt to inform those entitled to any unclaimed money before the City approves its escheatment.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At its meeting of September 24, 2012, the Budget and Finance Committee considered the Motion (Krekorian - Buscaino) relative to implementing a searchable database of names of parking violation citation refunds which have gone uncollected, and related matters. According to the Motion, when the City issues a parking citation, the alleged parking violator has the ability to appeal. If that appeal is successful, the City must sometimes return any fines that the driver paid in advance of the resolution of their appeals process. Although the City endeavors to return those funds that are unjustly collected, there are times when checks mailed to drivers go uncashed and uncollected. After a period of several years and pursuant to state law and procedures, the City eventually escheats those unclaimed revenues back into the general fund.

The Motion concludes that the problem is when such checks go uncashed, there is no means by which individuals can readily determine whether there are amounts owed to them, as there is no available list of names for a payee to check for the presence of their names. During Committee consideration, representatives of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and the CLA provided an overview of the matter and responded to related questions. After further discussion and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Chair and Member of the Budget and Finance Committee recommended approval of the Motion's recommendations as amended to request specific assistance from the LADOT and the

Information Technology Agency with regard to development of the proposed searchable database. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL KREKORIAN, Chair
PAUL KORETZ, Member
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN:	YES
ENGLANDER:	ABSENT
CARDENAS:	ABSENT
ROSENDAHL:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	YES

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