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October 26, 2012

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. <u>12-1643</u>, at its meeting held <u>October 24, 2012</u>.

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## **MOTION**

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The Center for Assault Treatment Services (CATS) is an offsite department of Northridge Hospital Medical Center that provides medical evidentiary examinations to assault victims. Since opening in 1997, CATS has provided forensic evidentiary examinations to over 11,000 adult and child sexual assault and domestic violence victims in Van Nuys. Law enforcement agencies can request victim examinations 24 hours a day, seven days a week and are present at the center for the examination and assume custody of the evidence from CATS. Since CATS is the only provider of these services in the San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) relies on CATS to provide valuable evidences in these cases.

In addition, the Valley CARES Family Justice Center is a multi-agency partnership with on-site staff consisting of a victim advocacy and counseling center, LAPD, City Attorney's Office, a non-profit legal services agency, County District Attorney's Office and CATS. Together, these agencies, along with CATS, provide invaluable services to the greater San Fernando Valley.

CATS is currently housed on a portion of the old Northridge Hospital campus in Van Nuys (14531 Gault Street); however, the developer is demolishing the buildings and redeveloping the site for another purpose. Suitable space has been identified at a facility owned by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) at 14651 Oxnard Street. Since Los Angeles City Charter provisions place certain restrictions on LADWP's ability to enter into direct contracts/leases with non-utility and non-City entities, the LADWP must engage the Department of General Services to help effectuate the intent of this motion.

In order to proceed, Council approval of the necessary authorizations is needed to allow City departments to enter into certain transactions with CATS and its affiliates, and enable CATS to occupy the LADWP facility so it can continue providing its critical services without lapse.

I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council take the following actions:

- 1. Authorize the Department of General Services (GSD) to accept a Right of Entry Permit up to one year from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP);
- 2. Authorize GSD to lease property located at 14651 Oxnard Street in Van Nuys from LADWP for a term of five years at a rate of \$1 per year;
- 3. Authorize GSD to issue a Right of Entry Permit up to one year to the Center for Assault Treatment Services (CATS), Northridge Hospital Medical Center, California State University, Northridge (CSU Northridge), Valley Trauma Center (VTC), and IMT Residential;
- 4. Find that as 501(c)3 non-profit organizations, CATS, through its forensic evidentiary examinations, and VTC, through its advocacy and counseling services, provide significant public benefit to the San Fernando Valley above and beyond the proposed \$1 per year lease agreement;

5. Authorize GSD, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to negotiate and execute a lease with CATS, Northridge Hospital Medical Center, VTC and CSU Northridge for a term of five years at a rate of \$1 per year; and

6. Instruct the LADWP, CAO and CLA to assist with implementing any actions as needed to effectuate the intent of this motion.

ADOPTED

PRESENTED BY:

TONY CÁRDENAS

Councilmember, 6<sup>th</sup> District

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

CONDED BY: