

## COMMUNICATION

**TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL**

**File No. 12-1689**

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER ERIC GARCETTI, CHAIR  
JOBS AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, JOBS AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE relative to the creation of a Veterans Affairs Coordinator (VAC) position, including, position authority, budgetary actions, and recommended department in which to house the position.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE by Resolution Authority, a new position, VAC, within the Community Development Department (CDD), to be funded with Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds, subject to review and approval by the Personnel Department as to Civil Service classification, and allocation. The VAC will assist veterans and their eligible spouses and dependents to access services and entitlements due them for their military service.
2. REQUEST the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and INSTRUCT the General Manager, CDD, or designee, to:
  - A. Include funding for the VAC in the Year 14 WIB Annual Plan for FY 2013-14.
  - B. Require a service level target of ten percent for veterans in the upcoming WorkSource Center.
  - C. Require specialized military social workers within the WorkSource Center System as part of its upcoming WorkSource Center Operator procurement process.
3. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to identify a permanent funding source to expand the scope of the service of the VAC beyond allowable workforce development activities.
4. INSTRUCT the CAO, with the assistance of CDD and the WIB, to define by funding source, the VAC specifications which include general duties, specific tasks, responsibilities and qualifications desired.
5. REQUEST the Mayor's Office to include funding for the proposed VAC position in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Mayor's Budget.
6. REQUEST the Mayor's Office to look at creating a VAC position in the Mayor's Office that can be initially funded through the WIB, to serve as point person to conduct coordination at the County and State level, including, but not limited to looking at policy issues and serve as a contact person to veterans living in the City with emphasis on assisting local veterans to get jobs.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on February 15, 2013, the Jobs and Business Development Committee Chair considered the CLA report dated February 14, 2013, relative to the creation of a Veterans Affair Coordinator position, including, position authority, budgetary actions, and recommended department in which to house the position.

Representatives from the CDD and the CLA's office provided a brief overview of the matter and responded to questions from the Committee Chair. After a brief discussion and an opportunity for public comment, the Committee Chair recommended approval of the recommendation contained in the CLA report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNCILMEMBER ERIC GARCETTI, CHAIR  
JOBS AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| GARCETTI:     | YES         |
| PARKS:        | ABSENT      |
| LABONGE:      | ABSENT      |

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