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*Communication from Council member Perry*

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Council President Herb Wesson, Chair  
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Re: Item 15 - Elimination of Unlawful Detainer (eviction) cases/hearings and all associated filings at the three courthouses in the San Fernando Valley

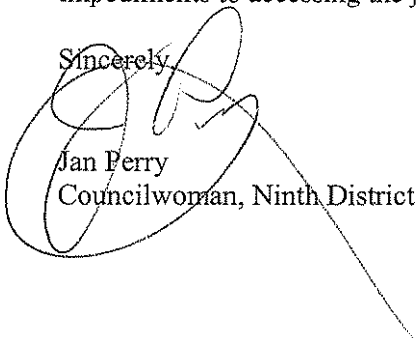
Dear Council President Wesson:

I introduced this resolution to express my concern over the Los Angeles Superior Court's proposal to create court "hubs," which would transfer more than 7,000 Unlawful Detainer (UD) eviction cases from three San Fernando Valley Courthouses to Santa Monica and Pasadena. This would mean that no eviction cases will be heard in the San Fernando Valley, adversely affecting thousands of residents of the San Fernando Valley by removing access to judicial services.

The Neighborhood Legal Services of the Los Angeles County is working hard to mitigate the affects of the court's plan to hub these services. I look forward to working with them, as this will affect many Los Angeles City residents, especially residents without access to sufficient transportation. Many residents may be hard pressed to fight eviction notices with this change as they may have to travel for more than five hours round-trip on public transportation requiring multiple buses. This creates an insurmountable barrier to the courts for thousands of poor, low-income, disabled, elderly and limited English speaking city residents.

I urge that you adopt the CLA Report in opposition of the moving of these UD cases from the San Fernando Valley, as this would institute a barrier to an already vulnerable population. The LA Superior Court should reconsider this proposal until holding a sufficient public forum to address these impediments to accessing the judicial system.

Sincerely,

  
Jan Perry  
Councilwoman, Ninth District

