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this matter, please refer to the  
Council File No.

June 6, 2013

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. 13-0002-S31, at its meeting held May 15, 2013. The Mayor failed to act by June 3, 2013, DEEMED APPROVED and EFFECTIVE June 4, 2013.

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SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR

COUNCIL FILE NO. 13-0002-S31

COUNCIL DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE MAY 15, 2013

RE: THE CITY'S POSITION TO OPPOSE LEGISLATION, ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION, AND/OR FUNDING REDUCTIONS, WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE UNLAWFUL DETAINER (EVICTION) CASES/HEARINGS AND ALL ASSOCIATED FILINGS FROM THREE COURTHOUSES IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT JUN 03 2013  
[10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 231(h)]

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\*DISAPPROVED

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\*Transmit objections in writing pursuant to Charter Section 231 (h)

DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA

MEMORANDUM

To: City Clerk

From: Gaye Williams, Chief of Staff

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Date: June 4, 2013

RE: CF 13-0002-S31

The City's position to Oppose Legislation, Administrative Action, and/or Funding Reductions, Which Would Eliminate Unlawful Detainer (Eviction) Cases/Hearings and all Associated Filings from Three Courthouses in the San Fernando Valley.

MEMO TO FILE

The Mayor supports the policy position reflected in the resolution approved by your Honorable Body on May 15, 2013. However, in the spirit of upholding the City Charter – approved by the voters of Los Angeles – which delegates intergovernmental relations authority to the Executive Branch with the sole exception of positions on "legislation proposed to or pending before the state or federal government," the Mayor is returning this file without signature, with the understanding that this item will be considered deemed approved.

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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS Committee reports as follows:

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the City's position to oppose legislation, administrative action, and/or funding reductions, which would eliminate Unlawful Detainer (eviction) cases/hearings and all associated filings from three courthouses in the San Fernando Valley.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Parks for Perry - Alarcón), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2013-14 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to legislation, administrative action, and/or funding reductions, which would eliminate Unlawful Detainer (eviction) cases/hearings and all associated filings at the three courthouses in the San Fernando Valley, and would transfer said cases to the Santa Monica and Pasadena Courthouses, AS AMENDED to also add opposition to any "judicial actions" that are contrary to the intent of this resolution.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA). The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At its regular meeting of April 19, 2013, the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a CLA report dated April 15, 2013 and Resolution (Parks for Perry - Alarcón) relative to the City's position to oppose legislation, administrative action, and/or funding reductions, which would eliminate Unlawful Detainer (eviction) cases/hearings and all associated filings from three courthouses in the San Fernando Valley. The CLA report, attached to Council File No. 13-0002-S31, provides a summary of the Resolution and additional background information, and also recommends adoption of the Resolution as amended to oppose any judicial actions contrary to the intent of the resolution. Additionally, the maker of the Resolution submitted into the record written communication urging the Committee to adopt the recommendation in the CLA Report.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council adopt the accompanying Resolution as amended. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

*Herb J. Wesson*

MEMBER VOTE  
WESSON: YES  
LABONGE: YES  
HUIZAR: ABSENT

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ADOPTED

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR WITH FILE

13-0002-53,

## RESOLUTION

RULES, ACTIONS &amp; INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, as part of a new broad plan to "hub" cases at selected courthouses, the Los Angeles Superior Court has proposed that 13,000 annual Unlawful Detainer (UD) eviction cases now heard at the Van Nuys and Chatsworth Courthouses in the San Fernando Valley be moved to the Santa Monica and Pasadena Courthouses, in response to reductions in funding to trial courts by the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the 20-25 miles from the Van Nuys Courthouse to Santa Monica, where more than 7,000 cases will be transferred, can translate to more than 5 hours round-trip on public transportation requiring multiple buses – creating an insurmountable barrier to the courts for thousands of poor, low-income, disabled, elderly and limited English speaking City residents, who are most often the UD respondents; and

WHEREAS, the proposed UD changes will inevitably rob the San Fernando Valley, where a large proportion of the City's residents live, of critical judicial resources and will leave thousands of individuals and families in the Valley, especially poor and low-income households, without access to justice for cases where basic human needs are at stake; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the proposal will result in the disruption of family lives, increase homelessness, and result in the loss of countless, irreplaceable units of affordable housing in the City of Los Angeles, including the possible impact on the City's safety-net services for thousands of Valley residents; and

WHEREAS, the communities in the San Fernando Valley to be affected by the transference of these UD's have not been notified, nor given the opportunity for public comment at a public hearing/meeting before any changes are finalized; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that any change in the administrative action which would negatively impact and inequitably burden disadvantaged groups in the City of Los Angeles be prevented and/or rectified in the interest of preventing any unnecessary disruption of family lives and potential increases in homelessness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 State Legislative Program, OPPOSITION to legislation, administrative action, and/or funding reductions, which would eliminate Unlawful Detainer (eviction) cases/hearings and all associated filings at the three courthouses in the San Fernando Valley, and would transfer said cases to the Santa Monica and Pasadena Courthouses.

**ADOPTED**  
FEB 20 2013  
MAY 15 2013  
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

PRESENTED BY:

*Jan Perry*  
JAN PERRY

Councilmember, 9<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:

*Richard Alarcon*

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