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June 6, 2013

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. 13-0002-S66, at its meeting held May 17, 2013. The Mayor failed to act by May 31, 2013, DEEMED APPROVED and EFFECTIVE June 3, 2013.



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SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR

COUNCIL FILE NO. 13-0002-S66

COUNCIL DISTRICT _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE May 17, 2013

RE: CITY'S POSITION TO SUPPORT ANY LEGISLATION AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION WHICH WOULD URGE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT TO STOP THE REDUCTION AND CONSOLIDATION PROCESS AT ALL COURTHOUSES IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT MAY 31 2013
[10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 231(h)]

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APPROVED

*DISAPPROVED

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

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA

MEMORANDUM

To: City Clerk

Gaye Williams

From: Gaye Williams, Chief of Staff

Date: June 3, 2013

RE: CF 13-0002-S66

The City's position to support any Legislation and/or Administrative Action Which Would Urge the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles County Superior Court to Stop the Reduction and Consolidation Process at all Courthouses in the City of Los Angeles.

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 support any legislation and/or administrative action which would urge the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles County Superior Court to stop the reduction and consolidation process at all courthouses in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Koretz – Buscaino – Krekorian), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2013-14 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for any legislation and/or administrative action which would urge the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles County Superior Court to stop the reduction and consolidation process at all courthouses in the City of Los Angeles so that any court reduction plan and any sound alternatives can be properly discussed and vetted in a public forum with hearings and ample notice at each impacted courthouse in the City of Los Angeles before June 1, 2013, including consultation with the City Council and all public stakeholders, in order to achieve a more sensible approach for streamlining court operations that would minimize the negative impacts on our communities.

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 meeting of May 17, 2013, the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a CLA report and Resolution (Koretz – Buscaino – Krekorian) relative to the City's position to support any legislation and/or administrative action which would urge the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles County Superior Court to stop the reduction and consolidation process at all courthouses in the City of Los Angeles. The CLA report, attached to Council File No. 13-0002-S66, provides a summary of the Resolution and additional background information.

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

Respectfully submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

ADOPTED

MAY 17 2013

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

MEMBER VOTE
WESSON: YES
LABONGE: ABSENT
HUIZAR: YES

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RESOLUTION

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, in November of 2012, the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles County Superior Court announced a court reduction plan to close a projected shortfall of between \$50 million and \$80 million, which has put eight LA County courts on course for closure by June 30, including West Los Angeles Courthouse, San Pedro Courthouse and the David V. Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center in South LA; and

WHEREAS, not only will the planned closures result in the elimination of 500 court jobs, but it will also facilitate the reassignment of the existing cases to other courts in the City of Los Angeles, which will inevitably create much heavier court traffic at other LA court locations; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has already begun implementation of said plan, without holding public hearings in Los Angeles or any impacted city, and the court administration has not consulted with effected stakeholders or elected officials about their plan; and

WHEREAS, such action is highly problematic given that, since 2008, California's court system has lost 65 percent of its general funding resulting in court closures, reduced hours, increased court fees, and has ultimately impacted equal access to justice for Californians as 67 courtrooms have already been closed and 500 additional court jobs have been lost; and

WHEREAS, concerned community members and courthouse workers have collected thousands of petitions opposing the recent reduction plan as Los Angeles residents raise concerns about longer lines outside the courthouses that remain open, delays in case hearing and trial dates, and force residents to travel longer distances at greater personal cost;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislation and/or administrative action which would urge the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles County Superior Court to stop the reduction and consolidation process at all courthouses in the City of Los Angeles so that any court reduction plan and any sound alternatives can be properly discussed and vetted in a public forum with hearings and with ample notice at each impacted courthouse in the City of Los Angeles before June 1, 2013, including consultation with the City Council and all public stakeholders, in order to achieve a more sensible approach for streamlining court operations that would minimize the negative impact on our communities.

PRESENTED BY: Paul Koretz
PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

Joe Buscaino
JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: Paul Koretz

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