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Though the City of Los Angeles is frequently criticized for having too much red tape, high business taxes, and an unfriendly business atmosphere, it remains a hub for entrepreneurial activity and business formation. Yet, as shown by the most recent unemployment data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate for the City of Los Angeles is 11.2%. Given the ongoing challenge posed by economic conditions in the City of Los Angeles, it is important that the City find ways to both support its business community and streamline its operations.

Building development reform is an area that is ripe for more efficient operation. The current assignment of planning and development-related responsibilities across several City Departments has proven inadequate for the timely and efficient delivery of development services and for the coordinated strategic planning of the City and its communities. As such, the City should consider all of the integral parts of its planning process and development-related activities with an aim towards driving efficiency.

By creating a system that has a "soup to nuts" streamlined oversight of land use planning and administration, the City will eliminate inefficiencies and redundancies while encouraging greater confidence among stakeholders of all kinds- from residents and businesses to affordable housing advocates.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of City Planning and the Department of Building and Safety with the assistance of the CAO be instructed to report back within 30 days with recommendations and a framework for establishing a steamlined system to better improve service delivery.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Works, and other City Departments as necessary, work with the CAO to provide recommendations of additional organizational efficiency that can be achieved in combination with the services provided by the Department of City Planning and the Department of Building and Safety.

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