TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your BUDGET AND FINANCE Committee

reports as follows:

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to establishing a predictive analytics platform that will help City leaders make better decisions to address and prevent problems before they develop.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Wesson – Buscaino):

- 1. DEVELOP a Request For Proposal (RFP) to implement the City of Los Angeles Open Data Initiative program consolidating key datasets from City departments as a foundational step, as summarized in the previous Open Data Initiative Feasibility report to Council (Council file no. 13-0112), and report back to the Budget and Finance Committee with a more comprehensive cost analysis based on the RFP responses.
- 2. REFER Recommendation No. 2 of the Information Technology Agency (ITA) report, attached to the Council file, relative to the hiring of a Chief Data Officer, back to the Budget and Finance Committee for consideration with the comprehensive cost analysis referenced above.
- 3. APPROVE establishment of a departmental working group to identify possible predictive analysis challenge areas as well as review governmental best practices in this area. The working group would then propose to the Council and Mayor two to three predictive analysis pilot initiatives and the funding/resources required for implementation.
- 4. APPROVE implementation of a predictive analytic tools pilot in partnership with local universities and specialized vendors and report back to Council and Mayor on findings and recommendations for expansion.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: The ITA reports that the project would involve costs associated with the centralization of City data (vendor website hosting services and programming of department interfaces by departmental staff) and the development of performance analytics tools.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At its meeting of June 24, 2013, the Budget and Finance (BF) Committee considered the ITA report, submitted in response to Motion (Wesson – Buscaino), relative to establishing a predictive analytics platform that will help City leaders make better decisions to address and prevent problems before they develop. The ITA states that predictive analytics is the statistical study of current or historical data for the purpose of identifying patterns and solving existing, or even future issues. The ITA report, attached to the Council file, provides additional background information and recommendations for the development of a predictive analytics data platform for the City of Los Angeles.

During Committee discussion, ITA representatives provided an overview of the recommendations and responded to related questions from Committee members. Additionally, the Committee noted that the Mayor-Elect and his staff should have an opportunity to evaluate the City of Los Angeles Open Data Initiative program. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the BF Committee recommended that Council approve the ITA recommendations as amended in Committee and reflected above. This matter is now submitted to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
KREKORIAN: YES
ENGLANDER: ABSENT
ROSENDAHL: YES
KORETZ: ABSENT
LABONGE: YES

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