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REPORT RE:

**DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 22.801(j) OF THE LOS ANGELES
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL DATABASE FOR PUBLIC USE**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Council File No. 13-1685

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The draft ordinance amends Section 22.801(j) of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) to establish a Neighborhood Council Database and eliminate obsolete provisions from the current version of this section.

Background and Summary of Ordinance Provisions

On April 29, 2014, City Council requested that our Office draft a proposed ordinance regarding the creation and maintenance of a public database containing Neighborhood Council related information. City Council's request was based on a recommendation from the Education and Neighborhoods Committee and the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Commission).

Previously, in June 2013, the Commission created three regional panels to evaluate recommendations for changing the Plan for a Citywide System of

Neighborhood Councils. One of the recommendations from the regional panels, affirmed by the Commission, was to create a public database for accessing Neighborhood Council related information. The enclosed proposed ordinance creates the recommended public database.

Currently, the LAAC does not set forth the policy for providing access to institutional memory for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment or Neighborhood Councils. The proposed draft ordinance adds to the LAAC the language requested by the Commission.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Information Technology Agency and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Alois Phillips at (213) 978-8143. She or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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