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REPORT RE:

REVISED DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 22.353.1 OF THE LOS ANGELES ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO EXTEND THE FEE WAIVER SUNSET PROVISION AND TO DESIGATE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, IN LIEU OF THE ECONOMIC WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, AS THE CITY AGENCY CHARGED WITH REPORTING TO COUNCIL ON THE EFFICACY OF THE FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY WAIVER PROVISION

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

Council File No. 14-1170

Honorable Members:

This Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed revised draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality, to extend the sunset provision applicable to fee waivers for filming and photography in Los Angeles, and retroactively approving fee waivers occurring since the expiration of the existing sunset provision. The revised draft ordinance further designates the Department of Public Works, in lieu of the Economic Workforce Development Department (EWDD), as the City entity charged with reporting to the City Council regarding the efficacy of the waiver provision.

On September 11, 2006, City Council approved Ordinance No. 177760, which added Section 22.353.1 to the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) to provide for the waiver of use charges for filming and photography occurring on City property (Council File No. 06-0600-S20). The fee waiver applied to all City departments except

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the Convention Center, El Pueblo, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Zoo and the Warner Grand Theater. The fee waiver included a sunset date of June 30, 2010.

On March 19, 2010, City Council adopted an action extending the sunset provision to June 30, 2014. On December 2, 2014, City Council adopted an action requesting this Office to prepare and present a draft ordinance to further extend the sunset provision to June 30, 2019, and changing the reporting agency designation from the Chief Administrative Officer to the Economic Workforce Development Department. In February 2015, this Office transmitted the requested draft ordinance (Report No. R15-0055). To date, City Council has not yet adopted the draft ordinance.

Since February 2015, the Public Works Department has replaced the Economic Workforce Development Department as the City agency reporting to the Council on filming waiver matters. Accordingly, this Office now transmits a revised draft ordinance replacing the Economic Workforce Development Department with the Department of Public Works as the designated reporting agency under the fee waiver ordinance.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Kimberly Miera at (213) 978-8169. She or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer any question you may have.

Very truly yours,

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