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April 23, 2018

Honorable Councilmember Paul Krekorian
Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
c/o Office of the City Clerk
200 N. Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Controller's Office – Mayor's Proposed Budget FY 2018-2019

Dear Honorable Members of the Budget and Finance Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a budget letter to your Committee regarding our assessment of the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Controller's Office. In our review of the Budget as proposed, we understand that in order to deliver a balanced budget, City departments were required to undergo cuts. The budget for the Controller was cut by \$500,000 which may make it difficult for this Office to properly perform its Charter-mandated duties and responsibilities. Although it will be a challenge, this Office will continue to do its best to deliver quality services in light of this budget reduction.

We are pleased to see that the Proposed Budget continued funding for positions to conduct a comprehensive reconciliation of all City special funds and for FMS and payroll support. In addition, funding to support the successful Accounting Assistance Program which assists a variety of departments by providing experienced retirees and interns to bridge staffing shortfalls is also appreciated.

This Office looks forward to continued collaboration with the Committee and Council during this budget process and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Georgia Mattera'.

Georgia Mattera
Chief Deputy Controller

