

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

**Your HOUSING, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**reports as follows:**

HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to donating surplus food to local food banks, pantries, or service agencies that accept food donations.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Huizar – Koretz):

1. INSTRUCT City departments that provide food programs or services, including the Convention Center, the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Department of Aging, to adopt policies that would require surplus food to be donated to a local food bank, pantry, or other service agency accepting food donations.
2. INSTRUCT the Community Redevelopment Agency to report on how it might work with private business owners in its various Project Areas to entice them to participate in such a program.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this matter.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

Motion (Huizar – Koretz) reports that Hunger Action Los Angeles (Hunger Action LA), a non-profit organization whose goal is to fight hunger, reports that hunger in Los Angeles exists because of various factors including high utility costs, high healthcare costs, lack of living wage jobs, lack of discount supermarkets in the inner city, and low participation in public assistance programs. Hunger Action LA reports that there are several public assistance programs that alleviate food insecurity including food stamps, school meals, and senior nutrition programs, such as home-delivered meals.

According to Hunger Action LA and the subject Motion, the City should donate surplus food from its facilities to help bolster the supply of emergency food in Los Angeles available to low income people. The City’s willingness to donate surplus food could also set an example for local businesses to donate. Hunger Action LA proposes that the City adopt an ordinance or policies that would allow City facilities to donate food. Several local groups (Food Finders, Angel Harvest, LA Regional Food Bank, and Westside Food Bank, etc.) would be happy to assist in this effort and even pick up the food.

At its regular meeting held October 28, 2009, the Housing, Community, and Economic Development Committee received public testimony in support of this matter and recommended that Council approve the recommendations contained within Motion (Huizar – Koretz).

Respectfully submitted,

HOUSING, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON	YES
REYES	ABSENT
ALARCÓN	YES
CÁRDENAS	YES
PERRY	ABSENT

**- Not Official Until Council Acts-**