

## COMMUNICATION

**TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL**

**FILE NO. 09-2326**

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER HERB WESSON, CHAIR  
COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD ALARCON, MEMBER  
HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE relative to a surplus food policy.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT a City of Los Angeles Surplus Food Policy to state as follows: "The City of Los Angeles commits to address hunger and poverty by making a good faith effort to reach out to City departments and contractors to donate surplus food to food banks, pantries, or any other agency that provides food to the needy, while adhering to health and safety standards, ensuring it is cost neutral and is legally feasible."
2. INSTRUCT all City departments, including proprietary departments and elected officials, to adopt a Surplus Food Policy and include it in their respective policy manuals, with the assistance of the City Attorney.
3. DIRECT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with the assistance of the City Attorney, City Administrative Officer (CAO), Los Angeles Convention Center, Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Aging, and any other appropriate department, to develop procedures and guidelines for the implementation of the Surplus Food Policy, examine whether a clause relative to the donation of surplus food should be included in vendor contracts, and provide to Council a status report in 90 days.
4. INSTRUCT the CLA, with the assistance of appropriate City departments, to monitor implementation of the Surplus Food Policy and provide a status report to Council in one year.
5. REQUEST the City Attorney to review local, state and federal law to further protect the City's liability with the implementation of surplus food donation program and report to Council with any concerns associated with food donations.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the CLA. Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis on this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

### SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on July 7, 2010, the Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee considered a surplus food policy. An opportunity for public comment was held. After a brief discussion, the Committee recommended Council approve the recommendations contained in the CLA report. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

HERB WESSON, CHAIR  
HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

RICHARD ALARCON, MEMBER  
HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
WESSON:	YES
REYES:	ABSENT
ALARCON:	YES
CARDENAS:	ABSENT
PERRY:	ABSENT

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