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March 24, 2010

Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
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SUBJECT: DONATION OF SURPLUS FOOD

In compliance with Council File 09-2326, the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) is pleased to present a summary of its longstanding program for the donation of surplus food.

The LACC hosts approximately 420 events annually, and operates several public food restaurants in addition to catered food services in support of client events. In partnership with our food services vendor, Aramark Corporation, we work closely with the following missions and shelters to insure that usable surplus food is made available to those in need:

- **Union Rescue Mission** – Best for large food volume and rapid response, as the mission provides their own pans. This is our #1 source partner. Left-over consumable food from a recent event provided meals for over 3,000 people here in Los Angeles.
- **St. Francis Center** – Best for boxed and less-perishable items.
- **Angles Flight** – Best for small batch cooked food and small produce.
- **Midnight Mission** – Another good recipient for consumable food.

After each event, the LACC determines if remaining food is of consumable quality, which is identified as food which has not reached the chafing dish (under-utilized food), and food that may have passed the expiration date but is of a type that would still be of consumable quality (chips, snacks, etc.). This category of usable food is termed as “Food Rescue” as defined by the Good Samaritan Food Donation Act. The LACC’s food program is covered under this act (Public Law 104-210), providing us a level of legal liability protection. When food of consumable quality is available, we contact the above mentioned agencies to let them know what is available, and coordinate a time in which the agencies may come to the LACC and pick up food for subsequent distribution to those in need.

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The LACC is known for its support of both the community and the environment, and as such, is in partnership with the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation to compost food which is deemed unfit for human consumption. The LACC appreciates the leadership of your office to insure that available food resources are distributed to meet the needs of our residents.

The LACC requests that you note and file this communication as the Department's response to the instruction noted in Council File 09-2326. If we may be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me with any questions or recommendations at (213) 741-1151, extension 5305.

Cordially,



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