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The City of Los Angeles along with other cities throughout our nation is experiencing budget shortfalls and declining revenues due to the national and state economic crisis. Now more than ever, the City must ensure that its operations are as efficient as possible and that our revenue collections and financial practices must maximize revenue available for the necessary City services provided to constituents.

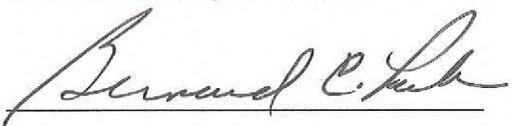
The City Council, Mayor and Controller and City departments have taken significant steps to increase efficiencies and increase revenue collection. Last year the City Council and the Budget and Finance Committee reviewed collection and financial practices and implemented several reforms. Additionally, the Controller performed an audit on the City's collections practices that resulted in 35 recommendations. The Controller is conducting a follow-up audit to ensure that the recommendations have been implemented, or alternative solutions have been considered in establishing an adequate infrastructure to maximize billings and revenue collections.

Despite advances, many departments collect revenue independently of a centralized system or do not have consistent systems and practices that maximize revenue collection. The City must evaluate whether to proceed with additional reforms and the efficacy of reforms that have already been implemented.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the revenue and efficiency work undertaken to date form the foundation for the formation of a two-year specially created commission to focus on examining ways we collect revenue and finance city expenditures. The members of the commission should be appointed by the Mayor, Controller and City Council and should be no more than ten members.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) report to City Council within 60 days on recommendations on the formation this commission.

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