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Honorable Members of the Audits and Governmental Efficiency Committee
 Councilmember Paul Koretz, Chair
 200 North Spring Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Members of the Audits and Governmental Efficiency Committee,

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 maximize revenue available to provide services to our constituents.

The potential loss of over 2,400 employees due to the Early Retirement Incentive Program has created a unique opportunity to review our revenue collection practices, and with the implementation of the Financial Management System (FMS) in a year and a half, we are poised to better streamline them. However, we would benefit from the insight and recommendations of a group of business and civic leaders on how we can improve our revenue collections.

Thank you for your consideration of my motion and for the work you are doing to ensure that our revenue collections and financial practices maximize revenue available for the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI
 President, Los Angeles City Council
 Councilmember, 13th District

