TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES **FILE NO. 10-1832**

Your PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT Committee

reports as follows:

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to allowing non-profits to obtain a permit by-right for farmers markets in the R (residential) zones.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Wesson - Koretz):

INSTRUCT the Planning Department to:

a. Create a new conditional use for farmers' markets in residential zones. A conditional use requires a 500-foot notification and a public hearing to allow farmers' markets to be located anywhere in a residential zone.

b. Create a new Public Benefit for farmers' markets in non-residential zones. Allowing these uses to be located by-right in agricultural, commercial, and. manufacturing zones with appropriate performance standards will encourage their placement in parts of the City that can best accommodate them while increasing access to fresh produce.

Fiscal Impact Statement Submitted: None submitted by the Planning Department. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement Submitted: No

Summary:

On April 26, 20,11 (Continued from April 5, 2011) the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) considered a report from the Planning Deparatment as initiated by Motion (Wesson - Koretz) relative to feasibility of allowing non-profits to obtain a permit by-right for farmers markets in the R (residential) zone only without the need for a Zoning Administrator hearing, or other discretionary action. According to the Motion, farmers markets provide high quality produce directly to City residents, and fill the gap in many communities, particularly those that are under-served and economically challenged, in providing fresh food and vegetables. The public hearing process to permit them, however, can sometimes be very cumbersome especially for non-profit entities that are pressed for time, and are not fully familiarized with the land use application process.

In the interest of enabling community members to have access to nutritious food, the City should streamline the farmers market permitting process, and allow non-profit organizations to provide this valuable service by right in the R zone. This in turn, will allow non-profits to expeditiously provide fresh food and vegetables to all communities, and particularly to those communities that are socially and economically challenged. The Planning Department staff members provided an overview of the report and recommendations. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, PLUM recommended that Council approve the Planning Department recommendations contained in their report dated April 1, 2011.

This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
REYES:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES

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