

COMMUNICATION

File No. 11-0452-S2

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER ERIC GARCETTI, CHAIR
RULES AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

**COUNCILMEMBER JAN PERRY, CHAIR
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRS, RULES AND ELECTIONS and ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEES relative to report backs regarding the implementation of Charter Amendment I, Office of Public Accountability.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INSTRUCT, upon the confirmation of the Executive Director by the Mayor and City Council, the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and REQUEST the City Attorney to work with the Executive Director to develop and report on the following Office of Public Accountability (OPA) components for consideration by the City Council:
 - a. Section 683(d) - Reporting Requirements Schedule and Consumer Protection Procedures.
 - b. Section 683(f) - Ratepayer Advocate position and related duties including the option for the Executive Director to assume the Ratepayer Advocate designation.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance providing for the OPA budget with the required minimum .025 percent funding, which amounts to \$1,050,000 and that the OPA submit a budget proposal to the CAO by December 31 of each year; and that any unexpended funds at the end of the fiscal year revert to the Los Angeles Department of Power and Water Revenue Funds.
3. REFER the communication from the City Attorney dated June 6, 2011 and the joint CLA and CAO report dated April 25, 2011 to the Rules and Elections and Energy and Environment Committees for further consideration.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At a special joint meeting held on June 29, 2011, the Rules and Elections and Energy and Environment Committees considered report backs regarding the implementation of Charter Amendment I, Office of Public Accountability. Representatives of the City Attorney, City

Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst offices gave the Committees background information on the matter. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committees recommended Council approve the recommendations contained in the joint CLA and CAO report dated June 28, 2011 and refer the communication from the City Attorney dated June 6, 2011 and the joint CLA and CAO report dated April 25, 2011 to the Rules and Elections and Energy and Environment Committees for further consideration. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Councilmember Eric Garcetti, Chair
RULES AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
GARCETTI:	YES
HAHN:	ABSENT
WESSON:	ABSENT

Councilmember Jan Perry, Chair
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PERRY:	YES
CARDENAS:	ABSENT
ALARCON:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	ABSENT
KREKORIAN:	ABSENT

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