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File No. 11-1013-S7

**INNOVATION, GRANTS, TECHNOLOGY, COMMERCE AND TRADE COMMITTEE
REPORT** relative to utilizing the Google Translate service for the City of Los Angeles website.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Martinez - Wesson):

1. INSTRUCT the Information Technology Agency (ITA), with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to identify funds to utilize the Google Translate service for the City's web services.
2. INSTRUCT the ITA to provide a written report detailing the specifics of utilizing the Google Translate service for the City's web services.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on March 1, 2016, your Innovation, Grants, Technology, Commerce and Trade Committee considered a Motion (Martinez – Wesson) relative to the feasibility of adding languages to the MyLA311 mobile phone application to enable non-English speaking residents to utilize this tool. The General Manager of the ITA provided opening testimony on this matter. He explained that there were two options ITA was recommending for adding multiple languages to the City's mobile and web applications and services. The first would be to create separate mobile and web applications in different languages that would have accurate translation, but would be expensive and time consuming to implement and maintain. The second option would be to utilize the Google Translate service for the City website in which the translation would not be as accurate, but the implementation would be substantially quicker and less expensive. An opportunity for public comment was provided. After discussing the matter, the Committee moved to recommend that ITA, with the assistance of the CAO, be instructed to identify funds to utilize the Google Translate service for the City's web services and to provide a written report detailing the specifics of utilizing the Google Translate service for the City's web services. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

INNOVATION, GRANTS, TECHNOLOGY, COMMERCE AND TRADE COMMITTEE



MEMBER	VOTE
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BONIN:	YES

KREKORIAN: YES
BUSCAINO: YES
MARTINEZ: YES

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