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The Honorable Paul Krekorian, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee

At its meeting held on October 8, 2013, the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee considered Motion (Price - LaBonge) and joint City Administrative Officer (CAO) and Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) report relative to a status update on the functional transfer of development services programs of multiple City departments to create a new development services department.

PLUM Committee approved the recommendations below relative to Motion (Price - LaBonge):

1. Request the City Attorney to postpone the preparation of Ordinances relative to a new development services department, as directed in Exhibit H of the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Adopted Budget, until the Council has considered and acted on the pending joint CAO/CLA policy report relative to development services, including the related report from the management consultant.
2. Direct the CAO to report back within two weeks on what actions need to be taken to ensure the Departments of City Planning, Building and Safety, Transportation, Fire, and Public Works, Bureau of Engineering can continue to provide development services through June 30, 2014 as separate departments and/or functions if implementation of the new department is delayed until Fiscal Year 2014-15.
3. Direct the CAO to report back on any changes that need to be made to the management consultant contract scope of services or funding to address additional issues identified in Motion (Price - LaBonge), including but not limited to: 1) Options other than consolidation that would improve the City's development process; 2) best practices of other large municipalities; 3) a cost benefit analysis, 4) pros and cons of consolidation; 5) other viable realignment options; and 6) an implementation timeline.
4. Direct the Departments of Planning, Building and Safety, Transportation, Fire, and Public Works, Bureau of Engineering to continue working with the CAO, CLA, Controller, City Attorney, and Personnel Department to implement Council policy relative to development reform.

This matter is referred to Budget and Finance Committee. Pursuant to the referral of this matter, the subject Council file is hereby transmitted to you for consideration by your Committee.

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Planning and Land Use Management Committee Clerk

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