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REPORT RE:

**DRAFT OF ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER IX
OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE
TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL CHANGES AND INCORPORATE PORTIONS OF
THE 2013 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No.13-1214

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to the request of City Council, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The draft ordinance amends the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to make various technical changes and incorporate portions of the 2013 Edition of the California Building Code.

Summary of Ordinance Provisions

On October 29, 2013, the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee considered reports from the Mayor and the Department of Building and Safety (DBS) relative to proposed ordinances to amend various sections of the LAMC, including the Green Code. At the meeting, the PLUM Committee requested that the City Attorney prepare and present ordinances to amend the various sections of the LAMC as outlined in the reports.

This draft ordinance makes various technical changes to the existing regulations in the Building Code. It also eliminates obsolete code sections, clarifies code sections and updates code year references.

CEQA Determination

Under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 21065 and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(2) and (b)(5), continuing administrative activities and organizational activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment are not CEQA projects. The draft ordinance makes various technical changes to the existing regulations, eliminates obsolete code sections, and clarifies code sections. These changes will not result in any direct or indirect physical change to the environment. Therefore, the ordinance is not subject to CEQA.

Council Rule 38 Referral

The draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Department of Building and Safety.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Kim Rodgers Westhoff at (213) 978-8242. She or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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