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Budget and Finance Committee  
c/o Erika Pulst  
City Clerk, Room 395  
City Hall  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember Krekorian:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to comment on the 2015-16 Proposed Budget for the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO).

As you are aware, we continuously strive to support the goals of responsible financial management and continued fiscal discipline. This budget recognizes the critical role played by this Office in ensuring that the City provides the highest level of service possible to its residents while living within its financial means, by developing greater efficiencies and effective management techniques so that high priority public services are provided in the most effective and economic manner.

Further, this budget highlights the importance of innovation in governmental operations. It authorizes a master contract with Fuse Corps to provide Fellows who can partner with City departments, elected officials, and community leaders on strategies and initiatives to solve challenges facing the City and provides funding for a Fuse Corps Fellow within the CAO. The budget also continues a position to support the Innovation and Performance Commission and the second year of the Innovation Fund.

Additionally, this budget supports transparency in City government by providing dedicated staff to serve as the CAO Executive liaison to civic groups, community leaders, other governmental agencies, and outside entities and to respond to significant requests for information directed at the CAO, including California Public Records Act requests. This position will also work with City departments and stakeholders to resolve complex Citywide problems that seek to improve the lives of all Los Angeles residents.

Through this budget, we have realigned programs within the Office to highlight important ongoing work, such as Debt Management and Asset Management & Capital Projects. Finally, this budget acknowledges the priority of the Mayor and Council associated with disaster and emergency management support and asset management and strategic planning. Reductions will be absorbed to the best of our abilities.

The CAO recognizes the challenges facing the City, and we look forward to facing those challenges with the Mayor and City Council as we explore opportunities to provide cost effective and innovative services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Miguel A. Santana", followed by a horizontal line.

Miguel A. Santana  
City Administrative Officer