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Implementation of Community Participation on Economic Development Projects

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) has harnessed the collective work of departments, offices, commissions, and external stakeholders to promote economic development and guide our investment of public resources. To accomplish this, the Board has adopted policies such as Local and Targeted Worker Hire and the Small Business Initiative, formed the Center for Financial Empowerment, established the Economic Development Trust Fund, and provided support for a new Local Plan for workforce development. The Board has also taken action to form an Economic Development Policy Committee (Committee) for the County, and instructed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to establish an advisory group of private and non-profit industry experts to advise the work of the Committee. To document these initiatives, the CEO released her first Economic Development Scorecard in February 2017 to measure and track County-managed economic development programs across a variety of disciplines, including: workforce development, business assistance, loan

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programs, and financial assistance.

The goals for economic development, however, extend beyond just the County's programs and include capital projects that make use of County land for private purposes. To ensure the greatest success in these County economic development projects, it is imperative that we support and facilitate an active process of community engagement. In a recent March 8, 2017 report to the Board, the CEO presented a comprehensive Implementation Plan for community participation on economic development projects, and further recommended consideration of an Economic Development Project Policy related to community benefits. By adopting the practices put forth in the CEO's Implementation Plan, the Board can signal its commitment to both meaningful economic development and pro-active community participation.

WE THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in consultation with the Economic Development Policy Committee, to execute the Community Participation Implementation Plan as described in the March 8, 2017 report to this Board; and
2. Direct the CEO, in consultation with County Counsel and the Economic Development Policy Committee, to prepare an Economic Development Project Policy and return to the Board in 90 days with a recommended policy for Board consideration and adoption.

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