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**Support for the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of
Discrimination Against Women**

On January 5, 2021, the Los Angeles County (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) affirmed and declared that the County recognizes that the international adoption and ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) has resulted in significant advancement in gender equity for women and girls around the world, including in the areas of economic development, healthcare, violence against women and girls, and education.

The Board further declared that the principles espoused in the CEDAW are fully consistent with County’s commitment to ending inequitable gender outcomes and improving the quality of life for women and girls (inclusive of transgender, gender nonbinary, and anyone female identifying) in the County.

Further, in recognizing the continuing need for the County to protect the human rights of women, the Board instructed County Counsel, in consultation with the Women and Girls Initiative, the Human Relations Commission, the Commission for Women, and other County partners, as County Counsel deemed necessary, to research the feasibility of amending the County Code to adopt the operative principles of the

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CEDAW, and report back to the Board within 90 days. The Board received County Counsel's report back.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct County Counsel, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and other relevant County partners, to report back with a draft CEDAW ordinance in 60 days to include identification of the local CEDAW principles that will help to promote gender equity and/or prevent discrimination against women within the County, including in the areas of economic development, education, housing and homelessness, violence against women and girls, health care, access to justice, and voting rights.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the CEO, within 90 days of County Counsel's submission of the draft ordinance described above, to report back to the Board in writing with a proposed plan to implement the ordinance's local CEDAW principles within the County.

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