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**Full and Independent Audit Investigation into Alleged Misconduct of a Former Los Angeles County Public Official and Increasing Transparency and Accountability in Contracting Process**

The prevention of corruption and the protection of taxpayer dollars is absolutely necessary to preserve public confidence in the democratic process and ensure that government works for its constituents. It is a fundamental principle that a public office cannot be used for personal enrichment. And for that reason, the United States Constitution reflects a major concern with thwarting corruption at all levels of government.

The allegations in the recent Federal indictment of a former Los Angeles County Supervisor undermine the County’s standards of excellence and harm citizens’ confidence in the public officials who represent them. Over the years, we have sought to prevent corruption by controlling opportunity, incentive, and risk through robust processes and policies that provided transparency and accountability. We recommit ourselves to these principles and to a renewed assessment of further process and policy improvements. Now, more than ever, we must work to restore public confidence

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in government and to prevent any future political corruption and improper influence. Unfortunately, it is understandable that the public's trust in government risks erosion in light of the federal indictment. We must act now to rebuild integrity and trust -- the principles central and uncompromisable to public service.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Instruct County Counsel to retain an outside law firm to conduct an independent investigation of the Federal allegations, and the associated County processes and policies in place. The outside law firm must retain a forensic auditor as part of the full and independent investigation. County Counsel should provide recommendations to the Board for any proposed process and policy enhancements and improvements.
2. Direct all County departments, including those referenced in the Federal indictment, in conjunction with County Counsel, to cooperate with the Federal investigation and prosecutions, including preserving all potentially relevant materials and information.
3. Instruct County Counsel to inform the Federal Government that nothing in this motion is intended in any way to interfere with or obstruct its investigation or prosecutions.

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