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From: Tyler K. Kelley, Chair, Commission on Local Governmental Services  
Thomas G. Wilhelm, Vice Chair, Commission on Local Governmental Services

Regarding: 2009 Year-End Review

Date: January 11, 2009

Dear Honorable Leaders:

I write to you today to provide an update on the activities of the Los Angeles County Commission on Local Governmental Services during 2009. As you may know, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors formed the Commission on Local Governmental Services in 1977 to identify and recommend cost-effective and efficient alternatives for the delivery of multi-jurisdictional services within the County of Los Angeles.

The past year has been an exciting one for the Commission with the addition of several new and engaged Commissioners and the election of Thomas Wilhelm as Vice Chair of the Commission. Additionally, the Commission has maintained its strong attendance rate, up to 74% for 2009 over the course of the twelve scheduled meetings. Below is a summary of our work this year:

## Policy Agenda Highlights

- 911 Wireless Call Routing: The Commission played a leadership role in facilitating the transition of 911 wireless calls from the California Highway Patrol (“CHP”) to the local emergency response agencies. With the explosion of cellular telephones, emergency response times for these calls had lengthened to as much as thirty minutes, due largely to bottlenecks in the CHP dispatch system. After working closely with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and the City of Los Angeles Police Department during their transition process, the Commission focused on the City of Long Beach as the last major city in the County to make the transition, which has now finished and implemented the process of assuming direct responsibility for cellular emergency calls within its jurisdiction. As reported in both *The Los Angeles Times* and the *Long Beach Press Telegram*, the Commission’s efforts with City of Long Beach staff and elected officials will directly and positively impact emergency response times for the citizens of Los Angeles County.
- Taxi Cab Task Force: After proactively seeking a Board of Supervisors mandate, the Commission convened the Taxi Cab Task Force on April 1, 2008. On October 8, 2009, the Commission and the Task Force recommended that the Board of Supervisors consider establishing a Uniform Driver Permitting Process applicable to all individuals seeking to become licensed to operate taxicabs through a centralized administration that would conduct driver permitting, licensing and vehicle inspection at a single location as a means by which to eliminate redundancies and divergent standards. The proposed centralized process is similar to a system that is currently in place in Orange County. The Task Force’s recommendations reflect considerable work by the Commission with stakeholders in the taxi cab industry, numerous site visits and significant research.
- Real Estate Asset Management: The Commission re-engaged with Los Angeles County staff regarding the County’s real estate management information systems, an issue that the Commission has been tracking for some time. Following meetings with Bill Dawson, Manager of the Real Estate Department in the Chief Executive Office, and Michelle Vercoutere, Division of Asset Planning and Strategy in the Chief Executive Office, the Commission recommended to the Board of Supervisors that the County provide requisite support for the Internal Services Department’s ongoing efforts to upgrade outdated real estate asset management software through the development of the County Asset Management Property System.
- Solid Waste Management Alternative: The Commission worked throughout 2009 with the County Department of Public Works on the issue of alternative means of solid waste management, including primarily to identify partnership opportunities between the County and municipalities interested in environmentally-friendly conversion technologies. The Commission has facilitated discussions between the Department of Public Works and several municipalities, and both those discussions and outreach efforts are continuing.

- Green Building Ordinance Research: The Commission surveyed all 88 cities in the County for green building ordinances and policies. The Commission's research identified that, in addition to the County, 10 of the 88 cities have various types of green building ordinances in place, with at least one city (Monrovia) having an ordinance in draft form. This information will be communicated to Local Governmental policy makers to help cities considering green building ordinances understand commonalities amongst their fellow cities who have taken action. The Commission intends to continue working on the green building issue in consultation with County staff.

We are confident that the Commission's work during 2009 will provide the foundation for an even more productive 2010, and we look forward to working with all of you throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to anyone on the Commission at 213.974.1431.

Sincerely,



Tyler K. Kelley  
Chairman



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