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**DETECTING AND PREVENTING IHSS FRAUD**

The FY 2009-10 State Budget includes several items that are intended to enhance the integrity of the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program. These State actions build on Los Angeles County’s commendable focus on IHSS program integrity, including close collaboration between the, the District Attorney, and the California Department of Healthcare Services, which is responsible for investigating allegations of IHSS fraud.

One of the most significant IHSS program integrity items in the FY 2009-10 State Budget is a new allocation of \$10 million in State funds for IHSS fraud investigations and related program integrity efforts. On September 25, 2009, the Director of the California Department of Social Services sent a letter to each county’s Board of Supervisors, which requires a county plan from each county wishing to access this funding. The plan must be approved by the Board and submitted to the State by November 1, 2009.

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The letter also specifies each county's share of the State allocation. Los Angeles County's share of the State funding is \$3.58 million dollars. When coupled with \$4.35 million dollars in Federal funding and \$1.53 million dollars in County funding, a combined total of \$9.46 million dollars can become available to fund Los Angeles County's IHSS fraud investigations and related program integrity efforts. In addition, it is possible that Los Angeles County could receive additional funding, subject to the required County match, if some other counties do not fully access their allocations. Given the size and importance of Los Angeles County's IHSS program, it is critical that our county do everything possible to take full advantage of this new opportunity.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Public Social Services, and request the District Attorney's assistance, to determine whether there are funding sources for the County share of \$1.53 million dollars required to draw down State and Federal funding to combat IHSS fraud.
2. In the event adequate funding sources are identified, direct the Chief Executive Office, in collaboration with the Department of Public Social Services and the Office of the District Attorney, to develop the plan required by the State, and submit the plan for Board approval on October 27, 2009.

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