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LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT LAYOFFS AND THE IMPACT ON COUNTY PERSONNEL AND SERVICES (ADMIN MEMO, AGENDA OF MARCH 16, 2010)

At the March 16, 2010, Board meeting, your Board requested a report on the impact of the recent Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC) deficit reduction action on the Sheriff's Department and Superior Court personnel, the possibility of courtroom closures, and the reduction of payments to the Sheriff's Department for personnel who operate in the courtrooms.

LASC Layoffs and Courtroom Closures

On March 16, 2010, LASC announced the layoff of 329 employees and the closure of courtrooms in its efforts to mitigate a $79.3 million deficit for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. The employees receiving layoff notices range from entry level clerks to supervisors and administrative staff throughout LASC. The announced layoffs were effective April 1, 2010.

LASC is also considering additional layoffs and courtroom closures in September 2010 to address its budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. It is anticipated that the layoffs may total as many as 500 additional employees and a possibility of 50 additional courtroom closures. The magnitude of the September 2010 action will be dependent on the State's financial situation.

Sheriff's Department Impact

Due to LASC's March 16, 2010, deficit reduction announcement, 14 civil and three (3) criminal courtrooms were eliminated. It was not necessary to layoff Sheriff's Department's Court Services personnel, as the three (3) Sheriff Deputies assigned to the affected criminal courtrooms were reassigned to fill existing vacancies under the Court Services Contract. Sheriff's Deputies do not occupy civil courtrooms. LASC has indicated that all future deficit reduction options remain open for discussion should the State's budget crisis not improve.

The Chief Executive Office will continue to monitor LASC's budget situation and provide your Board with future updates of any impacts to the County. Should you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Deputy Chief Executive Officer Jacqueline A. White, Public Safety, at (213) 893-2374.

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