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**Reconciling the Jail Master Plan with the United States Department of Justice
Memorandum of Agreement**

On September 5, 2013, the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) Civil Rights Division formally communicated its intent to open a civil investigation of the Los Angeles County Jail. The civil investigation stems from a December 2002 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Los Angeles County (County) that focused on the treatment of mentally ill inmates; a matter that has been a particular concern as the County engages in a process with an independent consultant to develop a Jail Master Plan and potentially spend billions of public funds. The DOJ remains concerned with continued "significant problems" in the Sheriff's Department's treatment of the mentally ill and is also expressing concerns about use of force and abuse by jail deputies and staff. The ongoing DOJ criminal investigation coupled with the aforementioned initiation of a civil investigation highlight the need to reconcile USDOJ concerns with jail master planning efforts.

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WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct County Counsel, the Department of Mental Health and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to work with Vanir Consulting to ensure consistency between discussions that are commencing imminently between the United States Department of Justice and County officials, on the one hand, and the Jail Master Plan, on the other, as it relates to the treatment of mentally ill inmates before anything further is submitted to the Board of Supervisors for consideration or adoption related to the Jail Master Plan.

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