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Consolidation of Offices of the Department of Public Social Services

The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) is seeking approval of a contract with M. Arthur Gensler, Jr. and Associates (Gensler) for a Strategic Master Space Plan (SMSP). The goal of the SMSP is to evaluate DPSS' current space portfolio and identify opportunities to reduce the need for traditional office space and maximize the use of technology, while continuing to provide high-quality, effective service to residents of Los Angeles County.

As part of its work on the SMSP, Gensler will assess whether there are current DPSS facilities that could or should be consolidated. In the Second Supervisorial District, there are three DPSS facilities that could potentially benefit from consolidation. These facilities are in need of significant improvement due to their age and accumulated deferred maintenance; lack of convenient access for DPSS clients; and ability to significantly improve on the delivery of services if appropriately consolidated.

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to instruct M. Arthur Gensler, Jr. and Associates, as part of the Strategic Master Space Plan, to assess the option of consolidating the DPSS offices located at Compton (211 E. Alondra Boulevard, Compton); South Special/South Family (17600 A and B Santa Fe Avenue, Rancho Dominguez) and Paramount/GAIN Region V (2961 E. Victoria Street, Rancho Dominguez), including the possibility of establishing small, geographically-distributed satellite offices in conjunction with a new consolidated office.

I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Interim Chief Executive Officer to identify potential sites for such a consolidated facility and report back in writing to the Board of Supervisors within 90 days.

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