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To: Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, Chair
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REPORT BACK ON THE COUNTYWIDE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – FUNDING THE BIOSCIENCE REVOLVING LOAN FUND AND THE CATALYTIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (ITEM NO. SEVEN, AGENDA OF OCTOBER 20, 2015)

On October 20, 2015, Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Solis introduced a series of directives under an economic development motion. One of the directives requested the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in collaboration with the Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), to report back to the Board in writing in 90 days on the feasibility of utilizing the one-time revenues received from redevelopment asset sale or disposition for the capitalization of a Bioscience Revolving Loan Fund (BRLF) and a Catalytic Development Fund (CDF). This is one of multiple items related to the economic development Board motion from October 20, 2015. Other items will be reported under separate cover by the Community Development Commission (CDC) and our office.

The use of one-time revenues received from redevelopment asset sales or dispositions for the capitalization of the Bioscience Revolving Loan Fund and the Catalytic Development Fund is consistent with the Board of Supervisor's Budget Policies and Priorities. Pursuant to Section 4.030(17) of the Board Budget Policies and Priorities revenue received from the disposition of redevelopment agencies' fixed assets received beginning in fiscal year 2014-15 can be used for economic development. We believe that a BRLF and CDF should be viewed as economic development initiatives. The budget policy also allows this revenue to be used for County capital projects, deferred maintenance and/or low- to-moderate housing.

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It is important to note that revenues from the sale(s) of redevelopment assets are one-time in nature and are difficult to forecast due to a variety of variables associated with disposing a large number of assets by the dozens of Successor Agencies throughout the County. In addition, state law governing this process does not have set time periods as to when the assets must be sold and proceeds to be submitted to the County Auditor-Controller for distribution to various taxing entities.

If you have any questions, please let me know, or your staff may contact Sid Kikkawa at skikkawa@ceo.lacounty.gov, or at 213-974-6872.

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REVIEW OF A TARGETED FEE WAIVER PROGRAM FOR SMALL BUSINESS IN RELATION TO A COUNTYWIDE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ITEM NOS. 1-D AND 7, AGENDA OF OCTOBER 20, 2015)

On October 20, 2015, the Board adopted a motion by Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Solis (Motion) regarding a Countywide Economic and Community Development Program (Program). On January 25, 2016, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Executive Director of the Community Development Commission responded to the Motion with recommended actions in relation to the establishment of a County Economic Development Trust Fund to support the Program. In that report back, the CEO indicated that it would return to the Board within 90 days with an update on the definition of a small business, and the impact to the County of a possible fee waiver program. The fees that could potentially be included in such a waiver program relate to zoning, permitting, licensing, code enforcement, entitlement, and other programs. These fees are administered primarily in the County unincorporated areas by the Departments of Public Works, Regional Planning, Fire, and Public Health.

The evaluation of any fee waiver program for small business will be dependent on the creation of a countywide definition for local small businesses. In a January 12, 2016 motion by Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Solis, the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) was authorized to secure a consultant to "assess the State's definition of a small business," and determine its applicability to the County. The CEO will evaluate the results of this assessment and incorporate any new definition into a cost analysis of a potential fee waiver program. The results of this analysis will then be reviewed by the DCBA as part of their Small Business Initiative to assist small businesses with the transition to a higher minimum wage.

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The fee waiver analysis will also be presented to the Economic Development Policy Committee that is being formed pursuant to a January 5, 2016 motion, by Supervisors Solis and Ridley-Thomas, to implement a Los Angeles County Strategic Plan for Economic Development.

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