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2014-15 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUDGET PROPOSAL: FULLY BALANCED AND MOVING FORWARD

Los Angeles (April 14, 2014): Los Angeles County unveiled a fully balanced budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2014-15 totaling \$26.054 billion.

“The County continues to emerge from an extremely difficult economic period and we are proud to have a fully balanced budget. This recommendation provides the County with a strong foundation for growth as we move forward,” said Chief Executive Officer William T Fujioka.

The 2014-15 budget proposal focuses on stabilizing programs and services, maintaining reserves and providing a strong foundation for future growth. Notably, the recommended budget reflects an increase of 1,345 budgeted positions for FY 2014-15, which include positions to further support the recommendations of the Jail Violence Commission, and other critical public safety programs in the Sheriff’s Department, Probation Department, District Attorney’s Office, and the Department of Animal Care and Control. Positions will also be added in the Department of Health Services to improve delivery of medical care, and to the Department of Children and Family Services to reduce caseloads and improve child safety.

As part of the County’s Energy and Environmental policy, this budget proposal also reflects the incorporation of energy efficient technologies into the County’s buildings and refurbishments’, demonstrating the County’s continued commitment to sustainability. Furthermore, the budget proposal appropriates funding for the continued development, design, and construction of capital projects that address high priority health, public safety, recreation and infrastructure needs.

This proposal is just the first step in a months-long process that includes public hearings, deliberations, and the inclusion and consideration of potential impacts from the State and Federal budget proposals, which are currently beyond the County’s control.

Complete details of the budget outlook are also available on the County’s homepage at <http://www.lacounty.gov>. For more information, follow the County on Twitter @lacountyceo.