

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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Los Angeles County has an important stake in legislation currently being considered in Congress around job creation and economic stimulus. It is important that any such legislation include key components that build on the success the County has had thus far with the one-time American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding. With this funding, we have been able to employ close to 9,400 individuals, enable critical social services to continue and fund infrastructure projects. These efforts must continue, if we are going to address unemployment and continue to take a leadership role in promoting true economic stimulus in our communities across Los Angeles County.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Send a 5-signature letter to Senators Boxer and Feinstein with copies to the County's House delegation and House Speaker Pelosi, outlining the County's key priorities, in any Federal jobs legislation, including:

- Extending the increase in the Federal match rate for Medicaid, Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance beyond the current sunset date of December 31, 2010 with safeguards requiring states to maintain program eligibility levels and to not increase the non-Federal share of costs borne by counties under these programs;
- Extending the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Emergency Contingency Fund (ECF) for one year with language which would ensure that the State and County, can maintain or expand their ECF-funded subsidized employment programs;
- Providing funding for a Summer Youth Employment Program with language requiring workforce investment boards give priority to foster youth and coordinate with child welfare and Independent Living Programs;

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- Providing funding for the Dislocated Workers Program;
  - Targeting funding for infrastructure projects, such as transportation, public works in states and counties with high unemployment; and
  - Reauthorizing the Build America Bonds Program beyond the current sunset date of December 31, 2010;
2. Direct the Chief Executive Office (CEO), County departments, and Legislative Advocates to advocate for these priorities for inclusion in the Federal jobs bill;
  3. Direct County departments to pursue ways in which TANF ECF funds can be used to help finance non-recurrent short-term benefits, especially those that currently receive State or County funding like programs in the Department of Children and Family Services.
  4. Direct County departments to explore and pursue Federal and State funding opportunities that would enable the County to create jobs, avoid layoffs, and expand employment and training services.