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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE
TITLE 2, TITLE 5, AND TITLE 6 - ELIMINATING THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY
AND DESIGNATION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
AS THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROVISION OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY SERVICES
TO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND FACILITIES
(ALL DISTRICTS - 3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Chief Executive Office is requesting approval of ordinance amendments to Los Angeles County Code Title 2 - Administration, Title 5 - Personnel, and Title 6 - Salaries, eliminating the Office of Public Safety effective September 30, 2010, and designating the Sheriff's Department as the primary department responsible for the provision of law enforcement and security services to County departments and facilities. Such designation does not require the sole or exclusive use of Sheriff's Department security services by County departments.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1) Introduce, waive reading, and place an ordinance on the subsequent agenda for adoption, amending Title 2, Title 5, and Title 6 of the Los Angeles County Code to effectuate the consolidation of the Office of Public Safety's duties and security functions into the Sheriff's Department, and to delete references to the marshal service in the County Code.

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- 2) Designate the Sheriff's Department as the primary department responsible for the provision of law enforcement and security services to County departments and facilities. Such designation does not require the sole or exclusive use of Sheriff's Department security services by County departments.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On December 15, 2009, your Board:

- Approved the consolidation of the Office of Public Safety's (OPS) duties and functions into the Sheriff's Department (Sheriff) and elimination of OPS effective June 30, 2010 (subsequently amended to September 30, 2010); replaced the existing OPS staffing configuration with the Sheriff's staffing plan and made a corresponding adjustment to the Sheriff's budget;
- Directed County Counsel to prepare amendments to the appropriate sections of the County Code to authorize the consolidation of OPS' duties and functions into the Sheriff and designated the Sheriff as the department responsible for providing law enforcement and security services within the County;
- Approved the Phase II Study of OPS which involves the Sheriff examining Phase I estimates in greater detail and an evaluation of OPS personnel. (A final proposal regarding operation/programmatic changes, transition plans, and cost estimates are to be provided and reported to the Board);
- Directed the Department of Human Resources (DHR) to implement a workforce reduction plan consistent with Civil Service Rules and Board policy, based on the elimination of OPS, to absorb existing OPS staff into the recommended budgeted positions in the Sheriff's proposed plan to include offering sworn positions to qualified County Police Officers and non-sworn positions, wherever possible, to County Police Officers who do not qualify for sworn positions; and
- Approved an exemption from the County hiring freeze in order that the Sheriff and other County departments may absorb non-sworn employees, wherever possible, that do not have specific positions identified under the Sheriff's proposed plan; employees will be placed in the Sheriff or other County departments on an equivalent or comparable vacant position, wherever possible, contingent on meeting departmental qualifications and standards.

The recommended changes to the ordinances are being presented for approval in accordance with the Board's action on December 15, 2009. Based upon consultation

with County Counsel, Sheriff, and OPS, we recommend that your Board adopt the enclosed ordinance which:

- *Authorizes the Sheriff to provide security services to County departments and facilities.*
- *Deletes Chapter 2.97 which created OPS in its entirety as of September 30, 2010.*
- *Amends Section 5.72.050 and 5.72.052 relating to the uniform and uniform allowance of Deputy Sheriffs and deletes references to the marshal classification.*
- *Deletes Section 5.72.200 in its entirety effective September 30, 2010, which provided uniform allowance for County Police.*
- *Deletes Section 6.08.395(F) in its entirety effective September 30, 2010, which provided Tier I and Tier II departmental special rates for OPS personnel.*
- *Amends Section 6.10.105 by deleting the provision of Peace Officer Standards and Training bonuses for OPS personnel.*
- *Deletes Chapter 6.65 in its entirety effective September 30, 2010, which provided the item number, number of ordinance positions, and title for OPS personnel.*
- *Amends Chapter 15.64.445(F) to authorize Deputy Sheriffs to issue notice of violations of regulations and restrictions at County owned or operated parking facilities.*

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This recommended action is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal 1: Operational Effectiveness - Maximize the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services; and Goal 3: Community and Municipal Services - Enrich the lives of Los Angeles County's residents and visitors by providing access to cultural, recreational and lifelong learning facilities programs; ensure quality regional open space, recreational and public works infrastructure services for County residents; and deliver customer oriented municipal services to the County's diverse unincorporated communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Funding to offset the costs of the consolidation has been included in the Sheriff's Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On December 15, 2009, the Board approved the consolidation of OPS' duties and functions into Sheriff's and the elimination of OPS effective June 30, 2010. However, during Budget Final Changes, our office recommended and the Board approved the continuation of OPS to September 2010 due to delays in implementing the consolidation. It is anticipated that the Sheriff's background process and/or placement efforts with DHR will be completed in September. Therefore, the Board may proceed with the elimination of OPS effective September 30, 2010.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

By approving the ordinance amendments, which have been prepared by County Counsel, your Board is effectuating the consolidation of OPS' duties and security functions into the Sheriff and deleting references to the marshal service in the County Code.

Respectfully submitted,



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