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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY CODE,
TITLE 3 – ADVISORY COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, CHAPTER 3.20,
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to amend ordinance to County Code, Title 3 - Advisory Commissions and Committees, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 3.20, Emergency Medical Services Commission to add two Emergency Medical Services Commission seats and amend the length of service – vacancy to ensure timely and effective delivery of emergency medical services.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and adopt the attached ordinance amendments (Exhibit I) to Title 3 - Advisory Commissions and Committees, Chapter 3.20, Emergency Medical Services Commission (Commission), amending the provisions relating to the Sections 3.20.010, Continuation—Composition and 3.20.020, Length of service– Vacancy to update for current practice and Section 3.20.40, Composition, to add representatives of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association (LACPCA) and the Southern California Public Health Association (SCPHA).



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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

County Code sets forth the member composition and term limits for the Commission. Approval of the recommendation will amend the County Code to add representation from the LACPCA and the SCPHA, which will increase the membership to 19 commission members from various entities throughout the County, as well as clarifying the four year length of service term for each member.

Public health issues such as communicable disease and biological events overlap with prehospital care. Also, many Emergency Medical Services' (EMS) policies have procedures that overlap with law enforcement. As a result, the Commission determined that additional public health and law enforcement administration representation would be beneficial. The new LACPCA and SCPHA members will allow for insightful law enforcement and public health expert input. Securing the participation of LACPCA and SCPHA as part of the Commission will provide the EMS Agency with immediate access and interaction necessary to ensure that actions that affect public health, safety, and welfare are quickly conveyed to the appropriate law enforcement and public health agencies.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports Goal 4, Health and Mental Health, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On April 7, 1981, your Board approved and adopted Ordinance 12332 to establish the Commission in accordance with California Health and Safety (H&S) Code Sections 1797.270, 1797.272, 1797.274, and 1797.276.

On January 29, 2008, your Board approved amending the subject Ordinance to revise the selection of the licensed paramedic representative previously nominated by the California Rescue and Paramedic Association and Paramedic Association be made by the California State Firefighters Association, Emergency Medical Services Committee, as the previous entity had ceased to operate.

The Commission, in consultation with DHS, has determined that adding two Commission seats for members nominated by the LACPCA and SCPHA would be beneficial to the Commission and the County and will allow for insightful law enforcement and public health expert input.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved Exhibit I.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

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Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The amended Ordinance will expand the Commissions knowledge base by incorporating law enforcement and public health input into discussions about medical service issues affecting the County.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitchell Katz". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
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