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Los Angeles County is the entertainment capital of the world. According to the 2013 Otis Report on the Creative Economy prepared by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, the entertainment industry supported nearly 133,000 direct jobs in Los Angeles County in 2012, including nearly 5,800 business establishments. There were another 123,000 indirect jobs such as caterers and 19,000 self-employed, independent jobs such as writers and performers affiliated with this industry. Employees related directly or indirectly to the entertainment sector earned \$14.0 billion in wages with self-employed individuals earning another \$6.0 billion in wages. The entertainment sector generated \$2.8 billion in tax revenues for Los Angeles County.

Due to the significance of this industry to the economy of Los Angeles County, on July 24, 2012, this Board directed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to revise the County’s film practices in accordance with the revised California Film Commission’s Model Film Ordinance and asked the CEO to also review the Film Commission’s suggested Best Practices for incorporation in the County’s practices to the extent

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possible. On January 14, 2014, the Board adopted County Filming Policy 3.125 which by in large incorporated the provisions of the California Film Commission's Model Film Ordinance. The Policy also referenced "Guidelines and Best Practices for Filming Activities for the County of Los Angeles," (January 7, 2014).

In order to ensure uniform film practices and permit processes throughout the County, we believe our Board should make an effort to reach out and encourage all 88 cities in the County to adopt similar practices to the California Film Commission's Model Film Ordinance and Best Practices.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles direct the Chief Executive Office to send a letter to all 88 cities in Los Angeles County asking that they consider adoption of the California Film Commission's Model Film Ordinance and Best Practices as their city's film policy to the extent possible.

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