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Review and Analysis of the Proposed “Community Reinvestment and Housing Stabilization Charter Amendment”

The County of Los Angeles (County), along with communities across the country, are working to dismantle the systemic and structural inequities that have contributed to the dire impact that COVID-19 has had on communities of color. This crisis, along with civil unrest experienced throughout the nation, have conjured an awakening of collective consciousness of the challenges that communities of color have historically and disproportionately faced, including high rates of unemployment and incarceration, lack of access to affordable housing and health care, and the devastation broadly associated with poverty.

Against this backdrop, the United Way of Greater Los Angeles (United Way) has proposed a “Community Reinvestment and Housing Stabilization Charter Amendment” (Proposed Amendment) for potential placement on the November 2020 ballot. The Proposed Amendment would dedicate a portion of locally generated unrestricted revenues on an annual basis to services and programs aimed at revitalizing underserved and low-income communities, including funding for affordable housing, alternatives to incarceration, community-based programming, and the promotion of racial equity.

The Board of Supervisors (Board) continues to allocate funds and set policy consistent with its demonstrated commitment to prioritizing the health, safety and

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wellbeing of communities – including dedicating an unprecedented level of resources to address the homeless crisis, expanding diversion programs, supporting the development of affordable housing and community-based programming, and establishing alternatives to incarceration.

A timely review and analysis of the Proposed Amendment should be presented to the Board and include a summary of the County’s current unrestricted revenue allocation in order to clarify the proportion of funds that are currently being dedicated to programs and services consistent with the vision outlined in the Proposed Amendment. The review should also include an assessment of the potential impacts to the County’s existing budget and fiscal processes of a legal obligation for this type of categorical funding allocation.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Chief Executive Officer and County Counsel to report to the Board of Supervisors during its July 21, 2020 meeting with a fiscal, policy, and legal analysis of the proposed “Community Reinvestment and Housing Stabilization Charter Amendment”.

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