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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, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

This is a report on the activities of the Los Angeles County Commission on Local Governmental Services (Commission) for 2012. The Board of Supervisors formed the Commission in 1977 to identify and recommend cost-effective and efficient ideas for the delivery of multi-jurisdictional services within the County.

While the Commission has been plagued by vacancies, with at least one from each district, there was only one meeting where we did not have a quorum. We thank the Commissioners for their dedication that has allowed us to continue our work.

Policy Agenda Highlights

Filming Regulation

Hollywood is synonymous with movies and television. The share of production in the region has dropped precipitously in the last few years. Working with County staff, the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) and the California Film Commission, the Commission endorsed a model ordinance and policies for communities to adopt. As a direct result, cities have been making changes to become more film friendly. The Commission continues to work with County staff to strengthen the region's signature industry.

Homelessness

The Board of Supervisors has formally signed onto the United Way Home for Good Program. Home for Good is an action plan to end chronic and veteran homelessness in Los Angeles County by 2016. The plan was launched in December 2010 by the Business Leaders' Task Force on Homelessness, a partnership of United Way of Greater Los Angeles and Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

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The Commission has been working with the various partners in the program to broaden participation by cities in the County. Many government agencies and private organizations have joined this effort to end chronic homelessness. The Commission was particularly concerned with ensuring County-wide participation in the homeless count.

The next focus will be on an educational piece on the Home for Good effort and how each community can provide a share of housing to make chronic homelessness much smaller or even eliminated. The League of California Cities and California Contract Cities Association are partners in this outreach effort.

AB 32 Compliance

AB 32 is the State of California's landmark legislation known as the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 which set the 2020 greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal, set a number of specific requirements and directed the development of early actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

In addition to private sector requirements, local communities must inventory their own emissions and meet certain reduction targets. County staff has made great strides in working collaboratively with the Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability (LARC), to design a "Framework" that will leverage research and regional capacity to create a consensus-based, actionable plan for combating climate change. LARC's framework provides strategies for mitigation of the emission of climate change causing greenhouse gases; assesses the impacts of climate change and outlines adaptation measures to cope; and outlines a path towards sustainable economic growth for communities throughout Greater Los Angeles.

The Commission worked to publicize these efforts and encouraged participation in the Southern California Sustainability Forum, the County hosted in August 2012.

Waste Conversion

The Commission did not act on this matter in 2012. Work will begin again in early 2013 on what is a looming issue that is unknown to most Angelinos.

The Commission looks forward to continuing to serve all of you in 2013. Please do not hesitate to contact the Commission at 213 974-1431 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Barry Waite, Chairman (2012)

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