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KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION SPACE STUDY

It has become apparent over the last several years that both office space and parking in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration (Hall) have been stretched to the limit. Office space and parking accommodations are at a premium at the Hall and central government departments of the County that are located in the Hall are rapidly becoming unable to adequately house their staff and equipment in a manner that creates an efficient and effective work environment that is responsive to the needs of the public.

As indicated in this year's *Mid-Year Economic Forecast and Industry Outlook* from the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, office vacancy rates have been very high, but that rate is beginning to drop slightly. The report further indicates that lease and rental rates remain rather low, these rates may begin to increase next year.

Given the lack of space within the Hall and an anticipated rise in rental and lease

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rates next year in Los Angeles County, it is critical that the Chief Executive Officer evaluate the tenant departments in the Hall to determine whether all tenants have a legitimate business reason to be located in the building, or whether moving to other facilities would be more reasonable.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS direct the Chief Executive Officer to conduct the appropriate study of tenants and space utilization at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, and report back to the Board in writing within 30 days with recommendations as to actions that should be taken to alleviate this very serious problem of overcrowding.

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