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County Moves Forward to Establish a Consolidated Information Technology Data Center

Los Angeles County, the largest county in the nation with a population of 10 million people, has an IT infrastructure that is de-centralized, redundant, sprawling, and out of date, with a total of 67,000-square-feet of data center space in more than 20 locations and thousands of servers.

On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors took a major step toward creating a centralized and modern IT Data Center that will house the IT infrastructure for the county's 37 departments.

Acting on a motion by Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Don Knabe, the board voted to consolidate the majority of the 65 existing data centers into a modern, energy and cost efficient, high density data center.

“This motion is intended to save energy, money and space,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. “I applaud the board for its innovation in our goal to use technology efficiently.”

As part of the motion, the county will also look into the feasibility of leasing, buying or building a data center that will be based on an independent, third party consolidation assessment. Proper assessment will allow Los Angeles County to

significantly lower operating, hardware and maintenance costs and establish a state of the art, energy-efficient, automated data center.

“With technology evolving so rapidly, the County needs to assess its long term needs for the protection and security of its massive amounts of data,” said Supervisor Knabe. “This motion will help us evaluate the financial, logistical and operational impacts associated with consolidating our current centers and acquiring, leasing or constructing a new data center.”

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