

Ensuring the Uninterrupted Work of the First 5 LA Commission

The First 5 LA Commission (First 5 LA), also known as the Proposition 10 Commission, was created by Los Angeles County (County) ordinance in 1998 with the passage of Proposition 10. California State statute (Health & Safety Code Section 130140) grants counties some flexibility to appoint and select commission members, as well as any other matters the Board of Supervisors (Board) deems necessary, as long as the Commissioners meet certain minimum requirements. The current County ordinance allows each Supervisor to nominate one First 5 LA Commissioner to represent his or her Board office. The current County ordinance, however, does not allow an alternate to represent a Board office when the appointed Commissioner is unable to perform his or her duties and responsibilities to First 5 LA.

A Commissioner's presence and participation at meetings is essential to the effective functioning of First 5 LA. The appointment of an alternate to serve in the Commissioner's absence would permit the work of First 5 LA to continue uninterrupted and allow the Board office to maintain its valuable representation. The alternate member would not become a member of First 5 LA, but would be able to exercise the duties and responsibilities in the absence of the Commissioner for whom he or she is

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designated as the alternate.

THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS approve the introduction of the attached ordinance amending Title 3, Advisory Commissions and Committees, to allow for the nomination and appointment of alternate members to First 5 LA for the five Commission members appointed by each Supervisor.

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