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**Request for Report on the Department of Public Health's Programmatic/Service
Curtailments and Health Regionalization Plan**

The Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) FY 2010-11 Proposed Budget addresses a \$21.2M budget shortfall for the Department of Public Health (DPH). This budget gap is primarily due to state budget cuts, the DPH's share of the County's overall structural deficit, and its own existing structural deficit. The proposed solutions to DPH's budget gap include a combination of revenue maximization, consolidations, programmatic/service curtailments, and a Health Center Regionalization Plan.

While the revenue maximization and cost shifts are commendable, the impact of the programmatic and service curtailments and the Health Regionalization Plan that are assumed within the budget remain unclear. The potential impact of these proposed changes in programming and service delivery on the public health of County residents should be considered before the Board approves them.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Instruct the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Public Health to report back to the Board during final consideration of the budget in June 2010 on a description of how the Programmatic/Service Curtailments and Health Regionalization Plan would impact Los Angeles County residents, including:

- a) A map or other visual aid that describes the volume and accessibility of all currently available Department of Public Health services (e.g. immunization, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted disease-related services, case management and home visitation programs for high-risk pregnant women, etc.) and compares these services to what would be available upon completion of the regionalization plan and service curtailments;
- b) A description of the potential impact that any DPH service reductions could have on other County-funded services and the private provider community;
- c) The extent to which the impact of these curtailments and clinic consolidations could be mitigated by other funds, such as the new Home Visitation Grant Program and other opportunities within the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 or new funds that will be available under the First Five of Los Angeles Commission's new strategic plan;

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- d) The rationale supporting the recommended changes; and
- e) The specific outcome goals that guide the Department of Public Health's decision making.

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