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REPORT RE:

**DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER VII OF THE
LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO REPLACE THE CITY'S EXISTING
TAXICAB FRANCHISE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK WITH AN OPEN
MARKET PERMITTING SYSTEM**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Council File No. 10-0996-S1

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The draft ordinance amends Article 1, Chapter VII of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to replace the City's existing taxicab franchise regulatory framework with an open market permitting system. The ordinance contains an urgency clause. This ordinance must become effective on 3/1/2021 in order to preserve the City's ability to regulate the taxicab industry as the taxicab franchises expire on February 28, 2021.

The new permit fees for the newly created taxicab open market permitting system will be transmitted by this Office in a separate draft ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 71.06.1 "Permit and Other Fees." A separate draft ordinance is necessary to ensure proper notice is given in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code Sections 66018 and 6062a. The amendments to Section 71.06.1 also include new permit fees for the City's Shared Mobility Device Program, Private Ambulances, and other for hire vehicles regulated by

the Department of Transportation. California Government Code Sections 66018 and 6062a require that prior to adoption of a new or increased fee, a public hearing be held and notice of that hearing be published in a newspaper with two publications at least five days apart over a ten-day period. The notice period begins the first day of publication, and there must be at least five days intervening between the first and the second publications, not counting the dates of publication.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Department of Transportation with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Michael Nagle at (213) 978-8130. He or another member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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