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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 (LAMC) 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 March 1, 2022, in order to preserve the City's ability to regulate the taxicab industry, as the taxicab franchises expire on February 28, 2022.

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 LAMC 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 LAMC 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.

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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Transmittal