MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held June 24, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Antonovich and Molina:

> "The recent shocking case of a 5-year-old child, ritualistically tortured for over a year by his mother and another woman residing in the home, was revealed only through a bizarre series of events a few weeks ago. A preliminary review of the case reveals that, while this child was being repeatedly abused, the child's family had interface with local and State agencies in multiple ways. However, without a comprehensive picture of all levels of government involved in the life of this family, whether as a client or an offender, opportunities were missed to intervene earlier.
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> "We are lucky that the child is currently alive, safe and receiving necessary services in the hopes he will have a brighter future. The County is in the process of determining what happened by examining all of the agencies, at both the local and State levels, which were serving this family simultaneously. However, what would have been extremely beneficial in this regard is if the County had an automated ability to verify all of the local and State agencies that are serving or monitoring a client at the same time. While previous efforts to electronically share information have been challenged by legislative barriers, we owe it to our children, families and taxpayers to save lives, ensure public safety and prevent fraudulent activity through the use of technology."

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Therefore, at the suggestion of Supervisor Molina, and on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Chief Executive Officer was directed, in conjunction with the Departments of Children and Family Services, Probation, Public Social Services, Mental Health, Health Services, Public Health - Alcohol and Drug Services, and local and State law enforcement agencies, including the California Department of Corrections, as well as any other relevant governmental agencies, in an effort to ensure public safety and prevent fraudulent activity through the use of technology, to report back to the Board, prior to Supplemental Budget deliberations, with the following information:

1. A proposal to automate information-sharing about clients served within County Departments and other government agencies;

2. Recommendations for legislative changes to address prohibitions against necessary information sharing between agencies; and

3. Protocols for case management that include identification of the agency staff responsible for the information.

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