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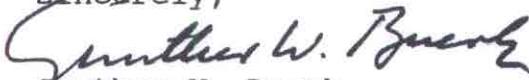
The Honorable Edmund D. Edelman
Chairman
Board of Supervisors
Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisor Edelman:

At the last Economy and Efficiency Commission meeting, the commissioners voted unanimously to offer counsel to the Board on a matter pertaining to the pension system of Los Angeles County. The Commission recommends to the Board that where the County Counsel has or may have the appearance of a conflict of interest in issuing an opinion concerning the pension system, an opinion be sought from another agency that does not present such a conflict.

This Commission is keenly aware that in order for your Board to maintain its leadership role in the improvement of the Los Angeles County pension system, you must continue to have sound legal advice. While the County Counsel's Office may have significant background and experience regarding specific laws governing the pension system, additional emphasis must be placed by your Board on insuring the integrity of the system and the avoidance of any appearance of conflict of interest.

Sincerely,


Gunther W. Buerk
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