

CITIZENS ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY

COMMISSION

OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY



August 9, 1995

The Honorable Gloria Molina
Chairperson, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street
Room 856, Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chairperson Molina:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Commission to express our concern that the CAO has recommended that you Board place the newly created position of CIO in either the Office of the Auditor Controller or that it be created as a separate department. This letter vigorously opposes either of these alternatives.

The Economy and Efficiency Commission, in our June 1995, entitled *Review of the Proposed Restructuring of the Internal Services Department*, recommended that the position of Chief Information Officer be placed within the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer. This recommendation was based upon the Commission's belief that the transfer of this function to the Auditor Controller would violate the principal of having a clear separation between the policy development and operational roles within County. In addition, you may recall that in previous reports made to your Board that the Economy and Efficiency Commission has strongly recommended that the number of County departments be reduced to facilitate their management by the Board. Having taken this position, we would strongly oppose implementing an alternative that creates the CIO as a new ad separate department. Neither of the alternatives being presented by the CAO appear to offer a healthy solution to information problems faced by the County.

We want to take this opportunity to restate that the model of County Government that we have consistently recommended to the Board, and that the Board has agreed to as a result of your adoption of these recommendations, proposes a clear separation of the policy function centered within the CAO, the operating functions within the departments and the auditing function that lies within the Office of the Auditor Controller. We therefore strongly urge your Board to adopt our recommendation to place the newly created position of the CIO within the Office of the CAO.

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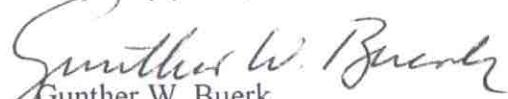
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If you have any questions as to the progress of this review, please feel free to contact me or our Executive Director, Bruce Staniforth at extension 41491.

Very truly yours,


Gunther W. Buerk
Chairperson

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