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The newly formed Human Services Department will combine the staffs of the commissions of Children, Youth & Their Families, Status of Women, and Human Relations. This new department will work hand-in-hand with the Department on Disability and the Department of Aging to provide a comprehensive array of social services to the City's constituents.

Co-locating these departments will create greater synergy, improve productivity and could become the core of a new City Social Services Center. The Department of General Services will soon present the 2009 City of Los Angeles Strategic Real Estate Plan for City Council consideration.

This plan will call for the City-owned Figueroa Plaza complex to house a Social Services Center. This would include the Human Services Department, the Department on Disability, the Department of Aging, and possibly the Community Development Department and the Los Angeles Housing Department.

The Department on Disability recently relocated to Figueroa Plaza, in a space across the hall to where the Human Services Department is expected to move. Additional space at Figueroa Plaza will become available soon which could be used to locate additional departments in time.

Action is needed now to approve the concept of a Social Services Center and to begin planning for moving the Human Services Department and Department of Aging into Figueroa Plaza as soon as sufficient space frees up. This action will result in a net savings from the City's leasing account.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request that the Department of General Services (GSD) reserve appropriate office space at Figueroa Plaza for the Human Services Department and the Department of Aging, as soon as they become available.

I FURTHER MOVE that GSD be requested to work directly with these departments, at the appropriate time, to effectuate their relocation to Figueroa Plaza as part of the City's long-term strategy of reducing private leasing costs for departmental office space.

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