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August 15, 2007

The Honorable Budget & Finance Committee City of Los Angeles c/o City Clerk's Office City Hall, Room 395

Attn: Lauraine Braithwaite

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: RESPONSE TO CITY COUNCIL REQUEST RELATIVE TO YEAR-END ADJUSTMENT AND FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT (COUNCIL FILE NO. 06-0600-S78)

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, August 14, 2007, the Board APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

This matter is being forwarded to you for your approval.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

JULIE WALTERS

Commission Executive Assistant

Enclosure

c: Chief of Police

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POLICE COMMISSION

TO:

The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM:

Chief of Police

SUBJECT:

CITY COUNCIL ACTION RELATIVE TO YEAR-END ADJUSTMENT AND

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board approve the response to the Budget and Finance Committee relative to the Year-End Adjustment and Financial Status Report.

2. That the Board transmit the response to the Budget and Finance Committee.

DISCUSSION

In response to the Budget and Finance Committee report relative to the Year-End Adjustment and Financial Status Report, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) was instructed to report back to the Committee relative to the decrease in revenues associated with reductions for the past two years in the issuance of moving violation citations. The City of Los Angeles has seen a decrease in revenue from Los Angeles County since there was a reduction in the issuance of moving violation citations by LAPD officers from 2004 to 2006.

According to the LAPD's Traffic Coordination Section, the deployment of motor officers to crime suppression task forces may have been a factor in the decrease in the issuance of moving violation citations from 2004 to 2006. Despite the decrease in issuance of moving violation citations, there has been an increase of 3,456 drunk driver arrests during the past two years.

If you have any questions, please contact Police Administrator Laura Filatoff, Commanding Officer, Fiscal Operations Division, at (213) 485-5296.

Respectfully.

WILLIAM J. BRATTON

Chief of Police

Attachments

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Approved

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August 1, 2007

The Honorable Budget and Finance Committee c/o Lauraine Braithwaite
Legislative Assistant
Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, California 90012

Honorable Members:

In response to the Budget and Finance Committee relative to the Year-End Adjustment and Financial Status Report, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) was instructed to report back to the Committee relative to the decrease in revenues associated with reductions for the past two years in the issuance of moving violation citations. The City of Los Angeles has seen a decrease in revenue from Los Angeles County since there was a reduction in the issuance of moving violation citations by LAPD officers from 2004 to 2006. One reason for the decrease in citations may be that motor officers are being deployed to non-traffic enforcement assignments.

According to the LAPD's Traffic Coordination Section and the Traffic Divisions, the deployment of motor officers to crime suppression task forces or special enforcement teams (SET) may have been a factor in the decrease in the issuance of moving violation citations from 2004 to 2006. Crime suppression task forces target their efforts on crime trends rather than traffic trends where the goal is to make arrests and suppress criminal activity. For example, Central Traffic Division has 10 to 12 motor officers on PM watch assigned to the SET who are deployed by the Bureau Chief to target a division's crime problems that may be in a residential neighborhood rather than at a main traffic thoroughfare. Some of the crimes that may be targeted during these task forces include car thefts and burglary from motor vehicles. In contrast, during routine traffic enforcement assignments, motor officers target busy intersections and issue moving violation citations. Currently, there are crime suppression task forces deployed throughout the City.

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Police Administrator Laura Filatoff, Commanding Officer, Fiscal Operations Division is familiar with this matter. She may be reached at (213) 485-5296 if you have questions or require further information.

All the best,

WILLIAM J. BRATTON

Chief of Police