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MOTION

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The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) disbanded its public safety department in 2003 due to a reduction of federal funding. On February 28, 2011, HACLA acted to seek a five-year memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to establish a community safety partnership to increase the safety, security and welfare of public housing residents for a total of \$6,250,000 or \$1.25 million per year.

To date, the Police Department has only submitted a position unfreeze request to the Managed Hiring Committee to promote 45 officers as part of the proposed MOA with the Housing Authority; the MOA has not been submitted to the Board of Police Commissioners, Council or Mayor for approval.

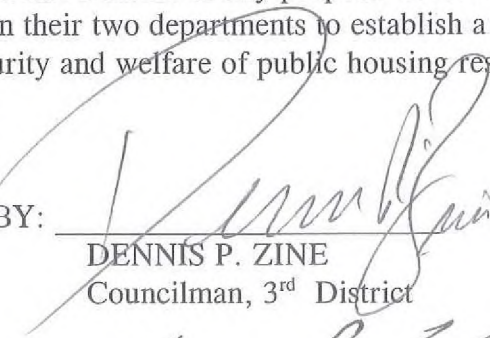
Based on the position unfreeze request, the Police Department would dedicate 45 officers solely to four housing projects within the City: Ramona Gardens (Hollenbeck Area), Nickerson Gardens (Southeast Area), Imperial Courts (Southeast Area), and Jordan Downs (Southeast Area). The Police Department indicates that it does not currently have officers dedicated to these housing projects.

The annual cost of the 45 officers is \$6.9 million per year, yet HACLA would only reimburse the City for, up to, \$1.25 million per year. This would mean that, if approved, the MOA would entail a subsidy of General Fund monies.

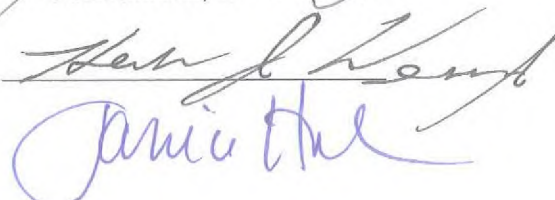
This proposal also raises concerns about dedicating existing sworn resources, at a fraction of the cost, to HACLA for services which are currently provided by the Police Department as part of its normal functions, as well as the impact this MOA would have on sworn deployment at the area stations neighboring these housing projects. Without a clear understanding of the Police Department's rationale, it would be difficult to approve any MOA for the above purposes which did not provide for full reimbursement by HACLA to the City for the cost of the 45 officers.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department and the Housing Authority be directed to report on the status of negotiations and features of any proposal relative to a proposed memorandum of agreement between their two departments to establish a community safety partnership to increase the safety, security and welfare of public housing residents, as further described in the text of this Motion.

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