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Early this morning the Los Angeles Police Department, with support of other City Departments, successfully cleared the two-month Occupy L.A. assembly from the City Hall lawn. Police Chief Charlie Beck and the LAPD Officers who successfully avoided the kind of violent clashes we have seen in other cities should be commended for their professional handling of this action.

While the LAPD and other departments responsible for the peaceful resolution of the occupation merit recognition, at a time when the City has to weigh the cost of every service, every dollar spent, and every employee hour, it is important to have a complete understanding of the fiscal and operational impacts associated with the two-month Occupy L.A. assembly.

In its wake, the Occupy L.A. encampment left behind not only discarded tents and personal effects, but also damage to trees, a dead lawn, ruined irrigation system, and other yet-to-be determined impacts. Department of Recreation and Parks General Manager John Mukri reported that the park would be have to be fenced off and shut down for months to assess and repair the damage caused by the encampment.

LAPD went on full tactical alert and the removal action itself involved more than 1,400 hundred uniformed officers. A deployment that is comparable with other large city wide police actions, such as the Lakers Parade which was estimated to cost the City \$1.8 million dollars and the Michael Jackson Funeral at \$3.2 million.

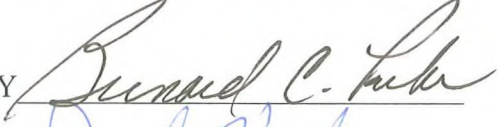

In addition to the immediate cost of the eviction, the two-month demonstration required that a heightened presence be maintained by the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles Fire Department, the Bureau of Sanitation, Bureau of Street, Department of Transportation, and the Recreation and Parks Department, as well as other City departments to manage the encampment and the associated crime, drug and alcohol use, and other public health and safety threats that emerged.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst, in consultation with the Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Recreation and Parks, General Services Department, Bureau of Sanitation, Bureau of Street Services, Department of Transportation, City Attorney and any other affected City Departments, be directed to report back to Council on the total costs incurred by the City associated with the two-month Occupy L.A. assembly and its resolution.

I FURTHER MOVE that the budgetary analysis include, but not be limited to, an examination of paid overtime, compensated time off, equipment and supply expenditures, and any cost incurred by City partners that will need to be reimbursed.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Police Department, Fire Department, and General Services Department report to the Public Safety Committee on the operational impacts created by the need for an increased presence at City Hall during said period.

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