

Your

**PUBLIC SAFETY
and BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

report as follows:

PUBLIC SAFETY AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES REPORT relative to the costs incurred by the City of Los Angeles for staff salaries, overtime, and other expenses related to the Occupy LA protest.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Englander – Parks – Krekorian – Zine):

1. NOTE and FILE City Administrative Officer (CAO) report to the Mayor and Council dated December 23, 2011, and revised attachments dated January 27 and April 26, 2012, relative to the costs incurred by the City of Los Angeles for staff salaries, overtime, and other expenses related to the Occupy LA protest.
2. REQUEST that the City Attorney determine if the City can seek restitution from individuals arrested during the Police Department's sweep of the City Hall encampments.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On November 30, 2011, Council considered Motion (Englander – Parks – Krekorian – Zine) relative to the costs incurred by the City of Los Angeles for staff salaries, overtime, and other expenses related to the Occupy LA protest. Motion calls for a complete analysis of the fiscal and operational impacts associated with the two-month Occupy L.A. assembly, including the costs of clearing the City Hall lawns and the damage to the park's trees, lawn, and irrigation system. Motion movers state that the action taken by the Police Department to remove the Occupy protestors involved more than 1,400 hundred uniformed officers. In addition, the encampment required heightened presence of various City agencies during the two-month assembly. Motion requests that these departments, along with the CAO, Chief Legislative Analyst, and the Police Department, prepare reports estimating their costs relative to the occupation and the removal and arrest of protestors. Council referred Motion to the Public Safety and Budget and Finance Committees for consideration.

In the December 23, 2011, report to the Mayor and Council, the CAO states the total of the costs incurred by City Departments resulting from the Occupy LA protest is \$2,350,847. Of this amount, \$1.6 million is attributed to Police Department and Department of General Services, Office of Public Safety overtime. The CAO goes on to report that additional costs related to park restoration and repairs of monuments have not yet been determined.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held January 27, 2012, the CAO presented supplemental cost information. According to the CAO, total costs incurred by the City exceed

\$2.6 million. Park restoration costs are an additional \$76,000 to \$540,000. As of April 26, 2012, total estimated costs exceed \$4 million.

At its meeting held May 11, 2012, the Public Safety Committee considered the CAO's report and supplemental information presented by the CAO on February 3, 2012. At that time, the Committee recommended that Council note and file the CAO report and supplemental information dated January 27, 2012, and April 26, 2012. Committee further recommended that Council request that the City Attorney determine if the City can seek restitution from individuals arrested during the Police Department's sweep of the City Hall encampments. At its meeting held August 20, 2012, the Budget and Finance Committee concurred with the actions taken by the Public Safety Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

BUDGET AND FINANCE
COMMITTEE

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
PERRY:	ABSENT
BUSCAINO:	YES
KREKORIAN:	ABSENT
ZINE:	YES

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN:	YES
ENGLANDER:	YES
CARDENAS:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	ABSENT
ROSENDAHL:	YES

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