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To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. 12-0899-S1, at its meeting held October 8, 2013.

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ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Los Angeles Park Ranger Program.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (LaBonge - Fuentes):

INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and City Administrative Officer (CAO) to conduct a study in 60 days in regard to required Park Ranger staffing levels including:

- a. Investigating priorities for managed hiring and/or other procedures necessary for hiring more Park Rangers.
- b. An analysis of the specific numbers of Park Rangers and support personnel required for optimal staffing.
- c. An analysis of the park system on a regional basis to determine where the greatest need for Park Rangers exists.
- d. An analysis of required equipment and infrastructure to support Park Rangers.
- e. Creation of a Reserve Park Ranger program.
- f. Coordination with rangers from other governmental agencies.
- g. An overview of the Park Ranger Program prior to reductions in numbers of Park Rangers in comparison with the current situation.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On September 23, 2013, your Committee considered a Motion (O'Farrell - LaBonge) relative to the Los Angeles Park Ranger Program. According to the Motion, the City of Los Angeles Park Rangers and Park Patrol Officers provide emergency services in the open space parks in the City. The Ranger Division employs Peace Officer Park Rangers, Civilian Park Rangers, and Park Patrol Officers. The Ranger Division provides interpretive services, emergency medical aid, wild land fire fighting, law enforcement, and many other services as called upon. Overall, the Park Rangers create a safe environment and a safe work place for all recreation and parks employees, patrons, and visiting dignitaries. However, the last fiscal year has severely challenged the Park Ranger Program and it is necessary that the City protects this program from budgetary constraints.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend instructing the RAP and the CAO to report back to Committee in 60 days in regard to hiring more Park Rangers as detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

O'FARRELL: YES

LABONGE: YES

BUSCAINO: ABSENT

CEDILLO: YES

PRICE: YES

-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-

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AS Amended
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See Attached Motion
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

AMENDING MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND THE Arts, Parks, Health, Aging, and River Committee report (Item #5, Council file 12-0899-S1) to include the following:

INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation and Parks to include a report on reestablishing the Chief Park Ranger position; and appointing a California Peace Officer Standards and Training Certified Chief Ranger for the City of Los Angeles Park Ranger Division; and an analysis of the impacts regionally and city-wide since the elimination of the Chief Park Ranger position.

PRESENTED BY _____
FELIPE FUENTES
Councilmember, 7th District

SECONDED BY _____
TOM LABONGE
Councilmember, 4th District

ADOPTED

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