

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a donation renewing the contract of Dr. Craig D. Uchida for the continued operation of the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) Los Angeles' Strategic Extraction and Restoration (LASER) program.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the LAPD to accept donation valued at \$40,000 from the Los Angeles Police Foundation renewing the contract of Dr. Craig D. Uchida for the continued operation of the LAPD's LASER program, and THANK the donor for this generous gift.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by LAPD. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## SUMMARY

In a report to the Board of Police Commissioners dated October 4, 2013 (attached to the Council file), LAPD requests authority to accept a donation from the Los Angeles Police Foundation renewing the contract of Dr. Craig D. Uchida for the continued operation of the Department's LASER program. The Department reports that this program focuses on gun-related and violent crime related hot spots and chronic offenders. Dr. Uchida serves as facilitator and evaluator of Operation LASER. On October 15, 2013, the Board approved the Department's request.

At its meeting held December 13, 2013, the Public Safety Committee discussed this matter with LAPD representatives. Department staff stated that the LASER program has successfully reduced gun-related crime in four LAPD Divisions. Plans are underway to expand the program to the Devonshire and Topanga Divisions. The Committee recommended that Council authorize the LAPD to accept this donation, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
BONIN:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES