

COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

File No. 13-0064-S3

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER JOE BUSCAINO, MEMBER
COUNCILMEMBER DENNIS P. ZINE, MEMBER
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to the donation of three police service dogs for use by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Metropolitan Division.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE LAPD to accept the donation of three police service dogs valued at \$30,000 from the Los Angeles Police Foundation for use by LAPD's Metropolitan Division, and THANK the donor for this generous gift.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted. 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 January 16, 2013 (attached to the Council file), LAPD requests authority to accept a donation of three police service dogs for use by the Department's Metropolitan Division. The Department reports that the new dogs will replace two retired Police Service Dogs, and fill a current police service dog vacancy. The procurement of the dogs will greatly enhance the K-9 Platoon's ability to support LAPD's operations by providing well-trained service dogs to assist with effectively searching for outstanding suspects and enhancing officer safety. On January 22, 2013, the Board approved LAPD's request.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held February 22, 2013, Committee Members recommended that Council authorize LAPD to accept this donation, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMBER	VOTE
ENGLANDER:	ABSENT
PERRY:	ABSENT
BUSCAINO:	YES
KREKORIAN:	ABSENT
ZINE:	YES