

COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

File No. 13-0316

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR
COUNCILMEMBER DENNIS P. ZINE, MEMBER
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) deploying ambulances and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel at Dodger home games.

SUBMITS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION Motion (Englander – Reyes) requesting that the LAFD, City Administrative Officer (CAO), and City Attorney report relative to the operational, financial, and legal implications of an agreement for the LAFD to deploy two Advanced Life Support (ALS) rescue ambulances, one Basic Life Support (BLS) rescue ambulance, and one EMS Captain at all Dodger home games.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the LAFD. Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On March 19, 2013, Council considered Motion (Englander – Reyes) relative to LAFD pre-deploying ambulances and emergency medical services personnel at Dodger home games. Motion states that the United Firefighters of Los Angeles City (UFLAC) announced it has signed a letter of agreement with LAFD to staff all Dodger home games this season. The agreement calls for the provision of two ALS rescue ambulances, one BLS rescue ambulance, and one EMS Captain to be deployed to Dodger home games. Motion movers believe that the details of the plan, however, should be understood prior to entering any agreement with the Dodgers. Council referred Motion to the Public Safety Committee for consideration.

At the special Public Safety Committee meeting held March 27, 2013, the Committee Chair and Member discussed this matter with representatives of the CAO, LAFD, and the City Attorney. LAFD staff reported that the Department already pre-deploys at certain Dodger home games. Last season, the Department received 72 calls for service that required 68 emergency transports of patients. Discussion for this proposed agreement was initiated by the Dodgers. Services to be provided by the LAFD will not conflict with those provided by private ambulance firms.

LAFD staff will be provided on an overtime basis and reserve ambulance resources will be used for this agreement. There will be no negative impact on response times or deployment at area fire stations. The Department has met with UFLAC and secured a letter of agreement for all necessary work rule changes.

The City Attorney representative stated that the Department is permitted to enter into a contractual agreement with the Dodgers to provide this service. A contract has not yet been finalized at this time.

The Committee Chair and Member applauded LAFD for initiating a creative approach for providing need public service enhancements. The Committee Chair noted that the proposed service will be provided at no cost to city tax-payers, and will not impact existing LAFD levels of service to the community. Inasmuch as there was no written report detailing the proposal or contract before the Committee to review, the Committee Chair and Member submitted Motion to Council without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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