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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the First Supplemental Agreement with Harris and Harris, Ltd., for collection services associated with delinquent Emergency Medical Services (EMS) billing accounts.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), or designee, to execute the First Supplemental Agreement between the LAFD and Harris and Harris, Ltd., for collection services associated with delinquent EMS billing accounts, effective the date of execution through May 31, 2018, and on a contingency fee basis, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that the above recommendation is in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that all fees charged for collection services will be paid to Harris and Harris, Ltd. on a contingency basis, subject to the delinquent accounts collected and recovered. Harris and Harris, Ltd. was compensated \$310,129 in Fiscal Year 2015-16, and approximately \$238,600 in Fiscal Year 2016-17 for delinquent accounts collection services.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE - AUGUST 6, 2017**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – AUGUST 4, 2017)**

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on June 20, 2017, your Public Safety Committee considered Board of Fire Commissioners and CAO reports relative to the First Supplemental Agreement with Harris and Harris, Ltd., for collection services associated with delinquent EMS billing accounts. The CAO reports that the LAFD , acting as a health care component of the City, is required to maintain separate agreements with contractors that have access to protected health information. Terms of the agreement require Harris and Harris, Ltd. to maintain compliance at all times with all Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act privacy regulations and requirements set forth in Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Parts 160, 162 and 164) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009 (Sections 13400, et seq.), as codified in an existing Business Associate Agreement between Harris and Harris, Ltd. and the LAPD. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation presented in the CAO transmittal, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



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

ME

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