File No. 14-0870

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the first amendment to the contract with Harris and Harris, Ltd., for collection services to collect payment of delinquent Emergency Medical Service (EMS) billing accounts.

Recommendations for Council action,

- AUTHORIZE the Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), or designee, to execute
 the 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, 2017, and on a contingency fee basis, subject to the review and approval of the
 City Attorney as to form and legality.
- INSTRUCT the LAFD to report to the Budget and Finance Committee on a quarterly basis as part of the LAFD's Financial Status Reports relative to the collection of EMS delinquent billings.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that the recommendations above are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that all fees charged for collection services will be paid to the Contractor on a contingency basis, subject to the delinquent accounts collected and recovered.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - OCTOBER 17, 2016

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - OCTOBER 14, 2016)

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on September 20, 2016, your Public Safety Committee considered Board of Fire Commissioners and CAO reports relative to granting the LAFD authority to execute the first amendment to Contract No. 124643 with Harris and Harris, Ltd. for collection services of delinquent EMS billing accounts. The CAO reports that the proposed amendment will exercise a one-year extension provision and will be effective from the date of execution through May 31, 2017. Compensation for services will be provided on a contingency fee basis. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations presented in the CAO transmittal, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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MEMBER VOTE
ENGLANDER: YES
BUSCAINO: YES
BONIN: YES
O'FARRELL: YES
MARTINEZ: ABSENT

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