

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to implementing a sixth Firefighter training class for paramedics only.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

APPROPRIATE \$3.1 million from the Reserve Fund in order to fund a sixth Firefighter recruit class.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that the addition of the sixth Firefighter recruit class would amount to approximately \$3.1 million. A General Fund appropriation to the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) would be required to implement this class. The CAO further reports that if the appropriation for a six Firefighter recruit class is approved, budgetary resources will be required during Fiscal Year 2015-16, with on-going costs in future years. Lastly, the CAO notes that the LAFD is currently projecting a year-end deficit, however the CAO will continue to monitor the situation.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**(Public Safety Committee waived consideration of the above matter)**

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on December 7, 2015, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a report from the CAO relative to the requirements and costs to implement a sixth firefighter recruit class for paramedics only.

A representative from the CAO and the Commander of the LAFD's Administrative Services Bureau addressed the Committee relative to the LAFD's request for a sixth Firefighter recruit class. The CAO reported that if approved, a class would begin in February 2016 with graduation by June 2016. The class would contain 50 paramedically trained firefighters. The LAFD noted that there would be some offset of the General Fund appropriation in salary savings if a new class is approved inasmuch as the firefighters that graduate from the sixth class would be paid at a lower rate and would be paid at straight time rate rather than overtime.

After consideration and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Budget and Finance Committee recommended an appropriation of \$3.1 million from the Reserve Fund to implement a sixth firefighter recruit class. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN:	YES
ENGLANDER:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BONIN:	YES

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