

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS).

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

1. AUTHORIZE City representatives on the LA-RICS Board of Directors to opt-out of LA-RICS by the November 24, 2015 deadline pursuant to Article V, Section 5.01 of the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Agreement.
2. AUTHORIZE City representatives to convert the City's status from LA-RICS Member to LA-RICS Affiliate.
3. AUTHORIZE City representatives to collaborate with other public safety agencies in the region to develop the Regional Interoperability Communications Working Group.
4. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and the Information Technology Agency (ITA) to report with a comprehensive plan to implement the City stand-alone Land Mobile Radio (LMR) system including required staffing, costs, project timeline and available funding sources
5. INSTRUCT City representatives to ensure that all future site access agreements, whether they be for LMR or Long-Term Evolution (LTE), shall come to council for approval.
6. INSTRUCT the LAPD, LAFD, and the ITA to report back with an analysis of microcell, satellite, and other now or emerging technologies as to their suitability for public safety communications that may be less intrusive.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that adoption of the recommendations above will enable the City to opt-out from its membership in the LA-RICS JPA. By withdrawing from the JPA prior to the November 24, 2015 withdrawal deadline, the City will bear no responsibility for any financial liabilities incurred during its membership in the JPA, per Article V, Section 5.01 of the JPA Agreement. As an alternative, should the City decide to proceed with a stand-alone LMR system, the estimated cost to build this system would be approximately \$18 million. Additionally, LAPD will need to purchase new radios that are estimated to cost a total of \$65 million that can be purchased in phases. LAFD has also indicated a need to replace radios however, they have not yet identified the estimated cost (it should be noted that replacement radio purchases would be a City obligation regardless of membership in LA-RICS). If the City were to subscribe to the LA-RICS LTE system, the City would incur future costs. Estimated costs for subscriber participation in the LTE system are unknown at this time, as system activation is scheduled for early 2016.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on November 17, 2015, your Public Safety Committee considered a joint Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and CAO report relative to the LA-RICS. The CAO reports that in October 2008 (Council File No. 08-0969), the City became a member of the LA-RICS Authority. The LA-RICS Authority (Authority) is tasked with establishing a region-wide interoperable public

safety communications network, and as such is in the process of implementing two Countywide independent communication systems; one for voice communications (LMR), and the other for broadband data communications (LTE). The intent is to have all Authority members jointly use and share operation/maintenance costs of each system upon their completion. The CAO and CLA recommend that it is in the City's best interest to opt-out of Authority membership on or before November 24, 2015, but continue participation in the Authority as an Affiliate. The CLA and the CAO provided an overview of the matter. During the discussion of the matter, the Chair proposed adding two recommendations, as detailed above. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations presented in the CAO transmittal as amended, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

ME

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