

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT and COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, relative to a public - private partnership to create an additional Nurse Practitioner Response Unit.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), or designee, to accept a donation of \$159,000 from the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center through the LAFD Foundation for the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Nurse Practitioner Program.
2. AUTHORIZE the LAFD to deposit the donation into the LAFD Trust Fund No. 848/38.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
  - a. Establish an appropriation account titled EMS Nurse Practitioner Program, account number to be determined (TBD), within Fund No. 848/38 for the disbursement of the EMS Nurse Practitioner Program funds.
  - b. Transfer appropriations from Fund No. 848/38, Account No. TBD, EMS Nurse Practitioner Program, to the LAFD Fund No. 100/38, Account No. 001010 Salaries General, and to the General Fund for reimbursement of General Fund costs as needed and as directed by the LAFD for the salary of the EMS Nurse Practitioner and related costs.
4. INSTRUCT the General Manager, Personnel Department, or designee, to establish a new classification of EMS Nurse Practitioner, subject to the approval of the Civil Service Commission.
5. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to establish the salary for the new classification of EMS Nurse Practitioner, subject to the approval of the new classification by the Civil Service Commission.
6. RESOLVE that the authority for one EMS Nurse Practitioner in the LAFD, through June 30, 2017 is APPROVED and CONFIRMED, subject to the establishment of the new classification.
7. AUTHORIZE the LAFD to make any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO to comply with the intent of Council action on this matter; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.
8. INSTRUCT the LAFD to report to the Public Safety Committee within 90 days of program implementation, on the status of the Cedars-Sinai Nurse Practitioner Response Unit, including appropriate program metrics and related achievements or issues experienced with the program.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that approval of the above recommendations will authorize the LAFD to accept a \$159,000 donation from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, through

the LAFD Foundation, and staff and deploy an additional Nurse Practitioner Response Unit at an estimated one-year cost of \$376,000. The LAFD will absorb the cost of operating the Nurse Practitioner Response Unit within its current budget. No additional General Fund impact is anticipated for the one-year pilot. However, there is a potential General Fund impact if the program is continued beyond the pilot period. Approval of the above recommendations is in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that one-time funds are used for one-time purposes.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on October 26, 2016, your Public Safety Committee considered the LAFD's request for authority to staff and deploy a Nurse Practitioner Response Unit from Fire Station 58 in Council District Five in a public-private partnership with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center to address low-acuity 911 calls, including 911 frequent users throughout the community served by Cedars-Sinai. This deployment includes activation of a reserve ambulance, assigning one Firefighter/Paramedic to the Nurse Practitioner Response Unit, and creation of a new EMS Nurse Practitioner classification to complete the Unit. The LAFD estimates that the one-year cost of deploying this Nurse Practitioner Response Unit is \$376,000, including salaries and medical supplies. Cedars-Sinai has provided a one-time donation of \$159,000, through the LAFD Foundation, to cover the salary and related costs of the EMS Nurse Practitioner for one year. The remaining cost of \$217,000 will be absorbed within the LAFD's current budget. Approval of the LAFD's request would initiate this service through 2016-17. Continuance of the program beyond 2016-17 would be considered in the context of the annual budget process. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations presented in the CAO transmittal, as detailed above.

Subsequently, on November 2, 2016, your Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee also considered this matter and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee concurred with the Public Safety Committee.

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:	YES
BONIN:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	ABSENT
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Kretz".

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KORETZ:	YES
RYU:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

ME

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