

MOTION

The men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) serve the City of Los Angeles with a commitment to excellence and desire to make a positive difference in our citizens' daily lives. The LAPD and LAFD members are highly trained and specialized to do this dangerous work in order to keep our City safe. Unfortunately, sometimes our public servants have made the ultimate sacrifice in this mission.

Collectively, the LAFD and LAPD have lost over 450 of their members to Line of Duty Deaths (LODD) in their storied histories. Most recently, in June of 2017, LAFD Firefighter Kelly Wong died in a LODD after two years of service. The sad reality is that this most recent LODD left behind a widow and a 7-month old boy without his father.

An LODD is a possibility that police and fire families must prepare for. Families, like the Wong family, are impacted by this sacrifice, and should be supported when family members of a LAPD or LAFD member killed in the Line of Duty want to continue the tradition of public service.

The City of Los Angeles already offers support for Military Veterans when they elect to enter the Police or Fire Service through the awarding of additional points on their evaluation exam and interview. Additionally, major cities like Philadelphia, have added legislation into their civil service hiring rules that allow for immediate family members of a LODD to be given special consideration or additional bonus points if they elect to join the Police or Fire service.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Chief Legislative Analyst to work with the Personnel Department, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to present options for increased support for children of LODD to become LAPD and/or LAFD members.

I FURTHER MOVE that these options be presented to the Public Safety Committee within 30 days.

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