

PERSONNEL & ANIMAL WELFARE

MOTION

The Police Department (LAPD) uses Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Centers to collect forensic evidence in sexual assault investigations. These Centers, which are certified by Los Angeles County, are staffed by nurses and physicians who are specially trained in the area of forensics and the evidence they collect is an incredibly important part of sexual assault investigations.

The Personnel Department is responsible for reimbursing SART Centers for exams through its Contractual Services Account, and currently pays \$730 for an examination of a victim and \$200 for the examination of a suspect. These rates have not been adjusted since 2001, and do not fully cover the costs of these examinations. The County also uses the SART Centers, and recently completed a study of costs associated with sexual assault examinations. As a result of this study, the County has increased the reimbursement rate to \$1,020 for all exams completed by SART Centers, and will adjust the reimbursement rate annually to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The SART Centers have requested that the City raise its reimbursement rate to match the County's, as this will enable them to fully recover the costs associated the services they provide.

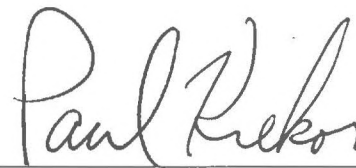
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Personnel Department increase the reimbursement rate for all forensic evidentiary examinations conducted by Sexual Assault Response Team Centers at the request of the Police Department to \$1,020 per exam, with this rate to be adjusted annually based on changes in the CPI, in line with the amount paid per exam by the County of Los Angeles.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer address any shortfall in the Personnel Department's Contractual Services account caused by this action as part of the Financial Status Report (FSR) process.

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