

**COMMUNICATION**

**TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL**

**File No. 09-1901**

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to a Police Department DNA status report for the month of December, 2010.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE communication from the Board of Police Commissioners relative to a Police Department DNA status report for the month of December, 2010 (attached to the Council file).

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

In a report to the Board of Police Commissioners, the Police Department provides an update on the processing of DNA evidence kits for the month of December, 2010. The report notes that the historical backlog has been eliminated. The report details the number of kits booked, outsourced, and analyzed in-house. Data is also given for profiles uploaded to CODIS and CODIS hits. Responses are given to questions raised by the Controller's audit. The report is submitted for informational purposes and makes no recommendations for Council action.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held August 8, 2011, the Committee Chair discussed this matter with representative of the Police Department. Department staff stated that the backlog has been eliminated. Currently, new DNA kits are tested in-house or prepared for outsourcing as soon as they are submitted. As soon as new criminalists are fully trained and court-certified, the Department will begin to reduce the use of outside laboratories. The Committee Chair recommended that Council note and file the Police Department report.

Respectfully submitted,

**- NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS -**

MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
CÁRDENAS:	ABSENT
PERRY:	ABSENT
REYES:	ABSENT
ZINE:	ABSENT