

Your **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**reports as follows:**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to status of the processing of Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) evidence kits by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE LAPD reports to the Board of Police Commissioners relative to the processing of DNA evidence kits for the month of January, 2013 (attached to Council file No. 13-0350), and for the months of November and December, 2012, and for the period October through December, 2012 (attached to Council file No. 10-0555).
2. DIRECT LAPD to cease its regular monthly and quarterly reporting relative to this matter, and to instead report only when the processing of DNA sexual assault evidence kits realizes a backlog of 5% or more of all cases taking more than 90 days to process.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by LAPD. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Officer has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In various reports to the Board of Police Commissioners (attached to the Council file), LAPD presents the status of the processing of DNA evidence kits, also known as Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK). The Department reports that its Serology DNA Unit (SDU) has made substantial progress regarding the expeditious testing of all SAEKs. Department reports also discuss staffing and hiring matters, and efforts to reduce the reliance of outside laboratories for evidence testing. The Board approved LAPD's reports and transmitted them to Council for consideration.

At its meeting held April 26, 2013, the Public Safety Committee discussed this matter with LAPD staff. Department staff indicated that the majority of SAEK analysis is done in-house. All evidence kits have been tested within 90 days, the modal turnaround time being closer to eight weeks. Committee members commended SDU staff, recommending that Council note and file the accompanying reports. Committee further stated that regular updates need no longer be provided on monthly and quarterly basis. Instead, it was recommended that Council instruct LAPD to report only if a 90-day backlog of 5% or more arises.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
|---------------|-------------|
| ENGLANDER:    | YES         |
| PERRY:        | ABSENT      |
| BUSCAINO:     | YES         |
| KREKORIAN:    | YES         |
| ZINE:         | YES         |

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