

The Mayor's Office is requesting authority to utilize \$1.3 million in Payment in lieu of Taxes (PILOT) funds from the Housing Authority (HACLA) for an urgently needed regional comprehensive violence reduction strategy for the Watts community. PILOT funds are property taxes that are owed to the City by the Housing Authority.

The Police Department has advised that a feud between two area gangs has resulted in a dramatic increase in gang violence in the Watts community which has contributed to a 300% increase in victims shot (24 vs. 6) and a 700% increase in homicides (8 vs. 1) year-to-date in 2011 compared to 2010. In addition, a total of 108 gang-related incidents have occurred between January, 2011 and September, 2011, of which 65 have taken place in the proposed target area. In the Watts/Southeast GRYD Zone there has been a 14.2% decrease in gang crimes; in the proposed target area there has been a 36% increase in gang crimes (January 2011 to September 2011).

Funding is urgently needed for intervention services and other proactive peacekeeping activities in the area. Despite additional resources deployed by the Police Department to address this problem all indications are that this feud is the most active and violent gang feud in the City; and improving public safety and reducing gang violence cannot be fully realized unless gang intervention and more community engagement and proactive peace keeping efforts are combined with suppression efforts.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Mayor to accept a payment of \$1,300,000 from the Housing Authority to the City to be utilized for a regional comprehensive violence reduction strategy in Watts that will include gang intervention services, safe passages around schools, professional training, evaluation, a community education campaign that will employ community residents to teach non-violent alternatives to problem solving, and to support existing grass roots efforts at peace-keeping and community building such as a father's group that is currently being provided in Jordan Downs — with the understanding that this payment shall be deemed a loan of a like amount owed to the City by the Housing Authority as part of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program which shall be repaid from the GRYD program during the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

2. Authorize the Mayor, upon receipt of these funds, to deposit them into the following accounts, and in the amounts specified, in the Mayor's Fund No. 100-46:

Account No.	Account Name	Amount
001070	Salaries As Needed	\$ 180,000
003040	Contractual Services	\$1,103,440
003310	Transportation	\$ 4,258
006010	Office and Admin. Exp.	\$ 12,302
	TOTAL:	\$1,300,000

3. Authorize the Mayor to negotiate and execute a contract with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, in an amount not to exceed \$1,063,440, for the period November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2012, to support the below listed anti-gang programs/services in the four public housing developments (Jordan Downs, Imperial Courts, Nickerson Gardens, and Gonzaque Village) and surrounding areas impacted by gang violence, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality; and with the understanding that the Council hereby finds that these services to be performed by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps are for the performance of professional, scientific, expert, technical, or other special services of a temporary and occasional character for which competitive bidding is not practicable or advantageous and that the work can be performed more economically or feasibly by independent contractors than by City employees:

10 FTE Community Intervention Workers; 3 FTE Lead Community Intervention Workers; 2 FTE Intervention Case Managers; 1 FTE Lead Intervention Case Manager; 28 Peace Ambassadors (HACLA residents); 16 Safe Passage Workers; 3 Father's Groups; Training (Gang Intervention, Peacekeeping Efforts, Case Management); Community Events (i.e. peace marches, resource fairs).

4. Authorize the Mayor to negotiate and execute a fourth amendment to City contract No. 115573 with the Urban Institute in the additional amount of \$40,000 for the period July 1, 2011 to October 31, 2012, to provide evaluation services for the above project that are substantially similar to services detailed in the contract, subject to approval of the City Attorney, as to form and legality.

5. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

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