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MOTION

The "Standards of Response Coverage" analysis will be a crucial tool for the new Fire Chief, the Board of Fire Commissioners, the City Council, and the Mayor to determine the future course of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD). The analysis will help evaluate specific geographic response areas, specific community risks, deployment methods, response time standards, and the allocation of resources for the LAFD. In order for this process to be effective, the voices and perspectives of the public, the LAFD rank and file, United Firefighters of Los Angeles City (UFLAC), the Chief Officers Association (COA), along with the Mayor and Council all need to be heard prior to the release of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Most significantly, the new Fire Chief must be given the opportunity to review and shape the RFQ.

On April 11, 2014, the Council's Public Safety Committee and its Budget & Finance Committee, meeting jointly to consider the findings of the PA Consulting Report, voted unanimously to "direct the CAO to develop an RFP for a Standards of Coverage consultant." This vote took place with the understanding that the draft RFP would be reviewed by the Public Safety Committee prior to its release.


On April 30, 2014 the City Council considered the joint committee report, and the chair of the Public Safety Committee made clear the need for the draft RFP to return to committee and to the full council for review prior to its release, explicitly amending the committee report during Council to clarify the instruction.


Despite these instructions, on July 1, 2014 the Los Angeles Fire Department released Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 2014-38-001 - "Consultant to Perform a Standards of Response Coverage Study for the Los Angeles Fire Department." This RFQ was released prior to review and input by the City Council, and should therefore be withdrawn.

The role of the public, LAFD personnel, labor stakeholders, and the City's elected officials in determining the RFQ definitions, scope of services, project time frame and milestones is essential to laying the foundation for this important study to be executed properly and without any potential bias.

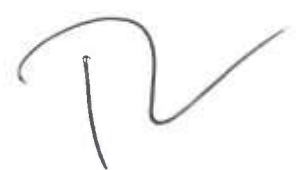
I THEREFORE MOVE that the CAO and the LAFD be directed to immediately WITHDRAW Request for Qualifications No. 2014-38-001 - Standards of Response Coverage Study for the LAFD and refer it to the Public Safety Committee for a full discussion and review, including the solicitation of input from the new Fire Chief, the United Firefighters of Los Angeles, the Chief Officers Association, and industry experts.

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