

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to agreements with the City of San Fernando for the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to provide comprehensive fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) within its jurisdictional limits.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, LAFD, or designee, to negotiate and execute:
  - a. The proposed agreement between the City of San Fernando and the LAFD to provide comprehensive fire services and EMS within its jurisdictional limits for a period of five years retroactive from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017, with an option to extend the term of the agreement up to two additional five-year terms by mutual agreement of both cities, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
  - b. An agreement between the City of San Fernando and the LAFD to reimburse the City of Los Angeles for prior-year service fee balances for Fiscal Years (FY) 2011-12 and 2012-13.
2. INSTRUCT the LAFD to include in the departmental Financial Status Reports the status of the prior-year service fee repayment efforts.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that approval of the agreement to provide fire suppression services and EMS to the City of San Fernando will reduce the fee for services provided by the LAFD in FY 2013-14 from \$3.70 million to \$2.58 million; and, in FY 2012-13 from \$3.36 million to \$2.44 million through the application of a revised fee formula. Based on the adopted LAFD revenue budget of \$2.70 million per year for these services, this will result in an actual net reduction of \$367,126 to the combined year's revenue (\$251,746 for 2012-13 and \$115,380 for 2013-14). Subsequent years' compensation would be based upon adjustments to the assessed property value ratios and adopted LAFD budgets. Prior-year compensation balances for services provided to the City of San Fernando total approximately \$1.07 million, consisting of \$530,000 for 2011-12 and \$545,000 for 2012-13. Full reimbursement of these funds to the City of Los Angeles is anticipated to be made over a three-year period commencing in FY 2013-14, through a mutually agreed upon repayment process with the City of San Fernando.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated December 6, 2013 (attached to the Council file), the CAO recommends that Council authorize LAFD to execute agreements with the City of San Fernando to provide comprehensive fire services and EMS within its jurisdictional limits, and to collect reimbursement for services already provided. Services to be provided by LAFD include fire suppression, fire prevention, inspection, paramedic and emergency medical technician functions, and medical transportation services. Terms of the agreement provide for the delivery of fire service and EMS by the LAFD compensated through a revised fee formula based upon assessed property values of both cities in relation to the LAFD operating budget. The proposed

agreement also include provisions for service standards, service level adjustments, payment for prior service periods, and fee calculation and method of payment. The LAFD has provided Emergency medical and fire suppression services to the City of San Fernando since 1978. On October 1, 2013, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved the proposed contract agreement.

At its meeting held August 8, 2014, the Public Safety Committee discussed this matter with representatives of the CAO and LAFD. Committee recommended that Council authorize LAFD to execute the proposed agreements.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| ENGLANDER:    | YES         |
| BUSCAINO:     | YES         |
| BONIN:        | YES         |
| O'FARRELL:    | YES         |
| MARTINEZ:     | ABSENT      |

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