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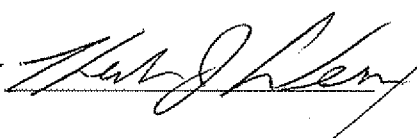
The 2015 World Special Olympics will be held in the City of Los Angeles, bringing approximately 7,000 athletes and 3,000 coaching staff representing 170 countries to Southern California, as well as thousands of spectators. The Opening Ceremony will take place at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on July 25, 2015, and is expected to draw over 90,000 spectators and dignitaries from all over the world, including the President and First Lady.

Prior to the 2015 World Special Olympics, Los Angeles will host the National Special Olympics in June 2014. The National Special Olympics will serve as a precursor to the World Special Olympics and test several venues throughout the City that will be used in 2015, including locations at UCLA and USC, in the San Fernando Valley, Griffith Park and other locations throughout the City and surrounding communities. The size of these events, the number of simultaneous events at locations across Los Angeles, and the attention that the games will draw all present a unique security situation. The Special Olympics will be the most significant and complex special event held in Los Angeles since the 1984 Olympic Games, and coordination between local, state and federal agencies is going to be required to ensure that the Special Olympics are successful.


To ensure success, planning for the 2015 games has already begun, and the tempo of preparations for the events is increasing. The Police Department and the Fire Department are integral partners in this process, and will require staff dedicated full time to the National and World Special Olympics.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department, Fire Department and City Administrative Officer be directed to report within 30 days on a plan to provide support for the 2014 National Special Olympic Games and the 2015 World Special Olympic Games, and, if additional resources are required, to identify available funding sources.

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