

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to restricting the operation of Unmanned Aerial Systems (drones) to designated areas or remote controlled airfields within the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (LaBonge – Englander):

REQUEST that the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Board of Police Commissioners, the City Attorney, the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) report to the Public Safety Committee with policy guidelines for the operation of drones within the City of Los Angeles and recommendations on how to strictly enforce the operation of drones to designated areas or remote controlled airfields.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On August 29, 2014, Council considered Motion (LaBonge – Englander) relative to restricting the operation of drones within the City of Los Angeles. Motion states that the operation of drones has increased greatly within the City of Los Angeles. The operator of a drone has the opportunity to launch and land the aircraft at any time in the City. It is possible, however, for the operator to lose visual contact with the aircraft which would put the safety of the public and property at risk. In order to ensure the safety of residents and visitors in the City of Los Angeles, Motion movers believe that it is imperative to restrict the operation of drones to definite and fixed locations. Council referred Motion to the Public Safety Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held October 1, 2014, the Public Safety Committee discussed this matter with representatives of the Council Office for the Fourth District and LAPD. Committee recommended that Council approve Motion's recommendation, as amended to include the City Attorney and the Board of Police Commissioners in the formation of policy guidelines and the preparation of the requested report.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

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