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The recent cyber-attack on Sony Pictures by hackers has highlighted the seriousness of the threat posed by cyber-crimes in the United States. These types of crimes target all areas of the economy, from movie studios to chain stores like Target or The Home Depot. In addition to the threat to the economy posed by cyber-crimes, they also pose a threat to government and public safety systems that are networked online.

A major cyber-attack, similar to the attack on Sony, could threaten entire industries, crippling the local economy. The Police Department should take a proactive stance in regards to cyber-crime, in an effort to arrest the perpetrators of these crimes and deter others from committing them. The Department should report on what efforts it undertakes to address cyber-crime in Los Angeles, and should study the feasibility of establishing a Cyber-Crimes Division within the Department, in order to more effectively deal with this modern crime.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department (LAPD) report on cyber-crimes perpetrated in Los Angeles and its efforts to combat cyber-crimes, including any data on how many instances of cyber-crimes occur in Los Angeles every year, and to report on the feasibility of establishing a Cyber Crimes Division within LAPD to investigate and prosecute individuals who commit cyber-crimes in the City of Los Angeles.

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