

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authorization for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to hire staff to conduct initial reviews of contested parking citations.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LADOT, to fill the following positions as detailed in the LADOT report dated September 2, 2016, attached to Council file No. 16-1014:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Class Code</u>
16	Administrative Clerk	1358
1	Senior Administrative Clerk	1368
1	Management Analyst II	9184-2

2. RESOLVE that the following positions are APPROVED and CONFIRMED, subject to allocation by the Personnel Department, and, as appropriate, paygrade determination and salary setting by the City Administrative Officer (CAO):

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16	Administrative Clerk	1358

3. AUTHORIZE as-needed Administrative Clerks to be used to maintain full staffing of the exempt Administrative Clerks.
4. DIRECT the LADOT and the CAO to report on the process of taking over initial reviews from the LADOT's contractor, including additional funding requirements.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that it issues approximately 2.5 million parking citations per year, generating nearly \$152 million in revenue. Of the total number of citations issued, approximately 142,000 or 5.62 percent are contested through the initial review process. Of the 142,000 contested citations, approximately 83,251 or 58.44 percent are found upheld. Using an average citation amount of \$68, this represents gross revenue to the City of \$5.7 million. Any delays in performing the initial reviews will negatively affect the motoring public and impact the current adjudication process. Longer delays leading to automatic dismissal of the citations would result in less General Fund revenue.

The full year salary cost for the staff requested in recommendation one is estimated at \$733,124 annually. The cost for the estimated nine months remaining in 2016-17 is \$549,843. Related costs are estimated at \$419,076 for a full year and \$373,329 for the remainder of 2016-17. Additional costs are anticipated and LADOT and the CAO will work together to identify funding to pay the first year salary costs and report back in the Mid-Year Financial Status Report. Funding for future years is anticipated to be provided through the annual budget process.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**(Transportation and Personnel and Animal Welfare Committees waived consideration of**

the above matter).

(The Committee may recess to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled Cody Weiss v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS141534; and, Second District Court of Appeal, Case Nos. B259868 and B263565.)

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on September 19, 2016, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a report from the LADOT relative to authorization to hire staff to conduct initial reviews of contested parking citations as a result of a ruling in the case entitled Cody Weiss v. City of Los Angeles, et al. that required the LADOT to conduct those reviews instead of the contractor hired by the City to perform that function. A representative of the LADOT addressed the Committee and responded to related questions.

After consideration and discussion in closed session (but no action taken), and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved the recommendations in the LADOT report. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN:	YES
ENGLANDER:	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BONIN:	ABSENT

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