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Budget and Finance Committee
c/o Richard Williams, Office of the City Clerk
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**Subject: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED
BALANCE FOR VOIP PHONE INSTALLATION FOR FOUR LOS
ANGELES POLICE STATIONS COUNCIL FILE 17-0600**

In the 2017-18 adopted budget, the City Council provided funding in the amount of \$684,000 in the Unappropriated Balance for the Information Technology Agency to install VoIP phone systems in four Los Angeles Police stations. The department is requesting that these funds be transferred from the UB to ITA's account in order to allow the work to commence.

BACKGROUND

In the 2017-18 budget process, the ITA requested funding to replace land lines, also referred to as Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS), by 2020 when the communications providers will no longer support this technology. The Budget and Finance Committee responded to this need by funding \$684,000 in the Unappropriated Balance for ITA to begin this work at four Police Stations in the San Fernando Valley. The stations are Van Nuys, Devonshire, Foothill, and the Granada Hills Emergency Vehicle Operation Center.

Replacement of the phone system in these stations was deemed critical due to an outage involving obsolete equipment that occurred in February of this year which left the stations unable to receive non-emergency phone calls for an extended period.

To obtain the appropriation of the funding in the UB, the department was directed to report back to Public Safety Committee with the project implementation plan and timeline. The proposal presented by ITA and LAPD at the August 9, 2017, Public Safety Committee meeting was endorsed by that committee and the department was directed to pursue approval of the appropriation through the Budget and Finance Committee.

The \$684,000 in funding provided is composed of \$297,000 in General Fund and \$387,000 in Proposition Q funds. The bond funds will be used for the required upgrade

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of the network equipment for each station, which will also provide power to the phones through the network. The General Fund will be used to install and configure the VoIP handsets with improved functionality, and offer basic user training.

The department is now requesting that \$684,000 in funding be transferred to ITA's account as follows:

From: Unappropriated Balance Fund 100/58/580252 VOIP Telephone Systems

To: Fund 100/32 Communication Services Account 009350

Please contact me or Laura Ito at (213) 978-3311 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully submitted,



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