

BUDGET + FINANCE
PERSONNEL & ANIMAL WELFARE

MOTION

Reserve Police Officers volunteering services to the LAPD are currently provided a stipend of \$50.00 per deployment period to defray their costs for transportation & cleaning, repair & replacement of uniforms & equipment. This \$50.00 amount has been in effect since 1995, having not been increased in nearly 25 years, is inadequate for covering these costs in today's economy. The LAPD currently has 391 sworn reserves officers. There are 272 Level I Reserve Officers, 34 Level II Reserve Officers, 53 Level III Reserve Officers and 32 IIIA Reserve Officers.

It now takes \$82.39 to buy what \$50.00 did in 1995. Further, fuel remains the largest part of the expenses reimbursed by the stipend, as reserve officers drive to and from their assignments. In 1995, the average national cost for a gallon of gas was \$1.10. According to AAA, the current average cost is \$3.26 in California. Thus, \$50.00 bought 45 gallons of gas in 1995. Today in CA, 45 gallons costs \$146.70.

A stipend of \$125 per deployment period would be more in line with the actual expenses incurred by reservists. An increase from \$50 to \$125 will require an additional allocation of \$381,125 above the current projected expenditure of \$247,650. This increase is justified by the value of Departments Reserve Police Officer program as reflected in the hours of volunteer work reserve officers donated to the City.

In Fiscal Year 2017/2018, Level I, II, and III officers contributed 76,532 hours of service to the City. Based on the current compensation level of a Police Officer II, Step IV of \$40.92 per hour without benefits, LAPD Reserve Officers donated more than \$ 3,131,689 worth of police services to the City of Los Angeles. The increase stipend which keeps up with inflation affirms our commitment to the LAPD Reserve program.

I THEREFORE, MOVE that Council increase the stipend paid to Police Dept's Level I, II, and III reserve officers from \$50.00 to \$125 per deployment period to bring the reimbursement into line with the current expenses incurred by volunteer officers for transportation, cleaning, repair & replacement of their uniforms & equipment.

I FURTHER MOVE that Council Request the City Attorney to prepare a draft ordinance amending LAAC Sections 22.228.2(a) & (b) & 22.230(a) to reflect the stipend increase for Level I, II, and III reserve officers as indicated in draft language attached to file, for presentation to Council in 45 days.

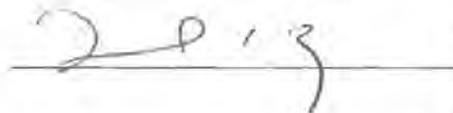
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