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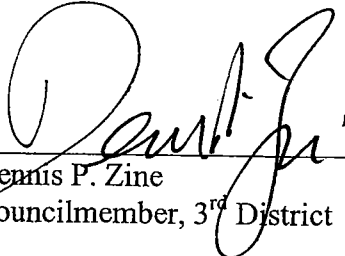
In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the City of Los Angeles has provided emergency assistance to the devastated area and has acted to ensure that appropriate resources are made available for ongoing recovery efforts. The Fire Department has dispatched 100 emergency response personnel and equipment to Louisiana. The City has made provisions to support our military reserve personnel who may be deployed to the area. The Port of Los Angeles has made itself available to accept diverted cargo ships. The Mayor has requested 1,000 City employee volunteers to assist the American Red Cross. The Personnel Department has facilitated the ability of City employees to contribute to recovery efforts through allowing direct payroll deductions to the Salvation Army.

The City of Los Angeles has not been formally requested to volunteer law enforcement services; however, there are many Los Angeles Reserve Officers who have expressed interest in going to the devastated region to lend a hand. The Los Angeles Police Department has a well trained and capable reserve force, and law enforcement expertise will be needed in the areas impacted by Hurricane Katrina to secure evacuated areas during the recovery and rebuilding effort. Therefore, the City could further assist in Hurricane Katrina's relief and recovery efforts by coordinating Los Angeles Police Department Reserve Officers who would like to volunteer to participate in the recovery efforts

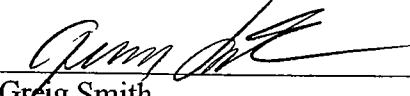
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Los Angeles Police Department to report to the Public Safety Committee at its next meeting on the feasibility of coordinating Los Angeles Reserve Officers that would like to volunteer to assist in the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council direct the Los Angeles Police Department to investigate the feasibility of expanding the coordination of Reserve Officers that would like to volunteer to assist in the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort to include other local police departments and the California Reserve Officers Association, and report back to the Public Safety Committee.

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