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As part of a broad crime reduction strategy, the Los Angeles Police Department has targeted the top 10% of criminals in each geographic area. This targeted approach is based upon the concept that 10% of the population commits 90% of crimes. In keeping with this philosophy, LAPD has joined forces with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to form the Parolee at Large (PAL) Apprehension Task Force, which targets parole violators with outstanding warrants.

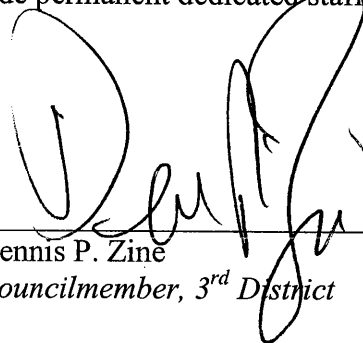
Under routine circumstances, PAL warrants are issued once a parolee has been outstanding for more than one month. After the warrant is issued, there is an additional delay of approximately two weeks before the warrant is placed in the State's automated system. Large State Parole caseloads of over one hundred parolees per agent result in long delays before at-large parolees are arrested. Because of the long process of apprehending at-large parolees, the violators can avoid arrest for significant time periods and therefore commit more crimes. The LAPD PAL Task Force, which speeds up this process, is vital in order to arrest at-large parolees as soon as possible.

The PAL Task Force assembles teams of LAPD officers to work exclusively with State Parole Agents in order to arrest individuals with PAL warrants in areas experiencing spikes in crime. The units average in excess of 15 PAL arrests per month, and often recover firearms and important criminal intelligence that can be used to solve other open cases. In June of 2007 alone, the PAL Task Force booked 21 individuals over a wide area of the City of Los Angeles, including the Harbor, Mission, Central, North Hollywood, Van Nuys, Hollenbeck, and Newton Divisions.

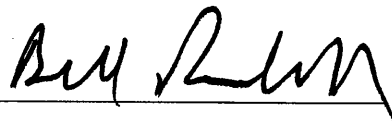
LAPD currently loans officers to the PAL Task Force from other divisions. Given the high success rate of the PAL Task Force in targeting criminals with the highest recidivism rates, the program should have permanent dedicated staff.

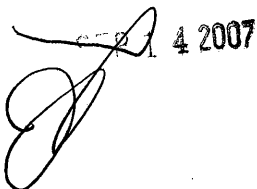
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Office of the City Administrative Officer, in cooperation with the Los Angeles Police Department, report to the Public Safety Committee and the Personnel Committee on potential funding sources to provide permanent dedicated staff to the Parolee at Large Apprehension Taskforce.

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