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PERSONNEL PUBLIC SAFETY

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The efforts to hire more police officers have been a high priority for the City of Los Angeles for many years. Recent reports indicate that the number of recruits has been increasing significantly and the class sizes at the Police Academy are at levels not seen in many years.

However, concerns have also been raised considering the standards that are being used to meet the expectations of the Mayor, the City Council, and the general public to put as many new police officers into the training process as possible.

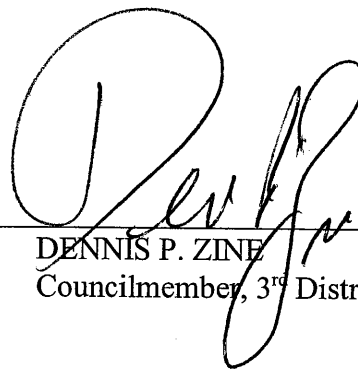
Physical fitness requirements, thorough background investigations, and written testing procedures have all been subject to questions of lowered standards in the quest to find as many viable police candidates as we can in a highly competitive employment market.

The Personnel Department has been given the responsibility to meet all of these pressing demands and balance them with maintaining the highest standards that the public deserves.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the Personnel Department report to the Personnel Committee within 30 days on the standards that are used, and the process in which they review applicants relative to these standards for physical fitness, background investigations, and written testing.

I FURTHER MOVE that the LAPD, the Personnel Department, the Chief Legislative Analyst, and the City Administrative Officer report to the Personnel Committee on the practicality of returning the primary responsibility of police recruitment from the Personnel Department to the LAPD.

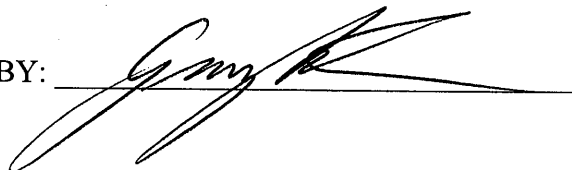
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