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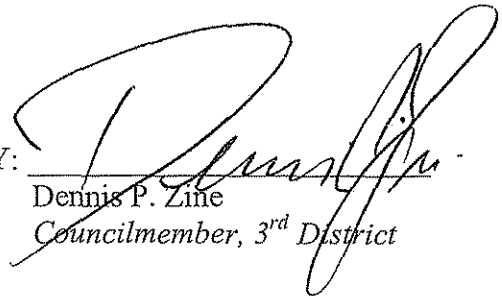
MOTION

Faced with a troubling backlog of DNA samples waiting for testing, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) relies heavily on grant funding from the United States Department of Justice to operate its crime lab. One such grant application was recently reduced from \$934,430 to \$435,860 due to administrative mistakes made by LAPD staff.

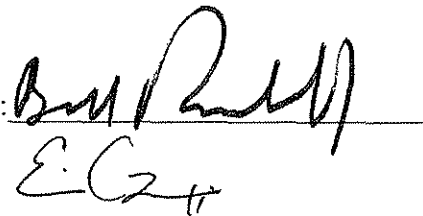
This severe mishandling of a grant that provides vital public safety resources highlights the need for stronger oversight of LAPD's grants administration process. While LAPD has since stated that additional control measures have been put in place, the City Council should have an opportunity to review and discuss all potential methods to protect these important public dollars.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department report to the City Council in 30 days with a full accounting of the administrative errors that caused a ~~United States Department of Justice grant award to be reduced by nearly \$500,000,~~ including an explanation of additional oversight measures that have been and will be put in place to prevent similar mistakes from occurring in the future.

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