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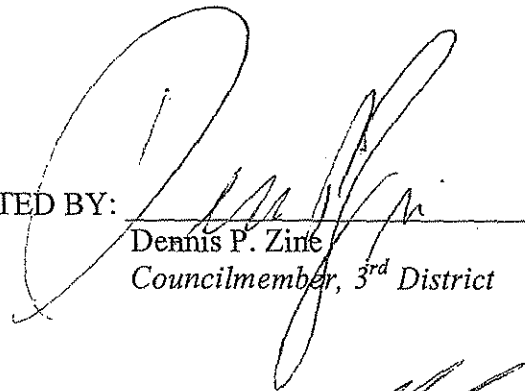
The City of Los Angeles provides critical technical support to its public safety departments through the Information Technology Agency (ITA) Communications Services Division. ITA staff design and install radio, wi-fi, and other communication equipment in Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) trucks, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) cars, and a wide range of emergency vehicles and mobile command centers. The work of ITA in this regard is crucial to the day-to-day operations of the City's network of public safety personnel.

Problems have recently surfaced in the administration of the Division's budget, bringing technology installations on the City's emergency vehicles to a halt. Flawed administrative processes have placed the Communications Services Division in an unacceptable position where its operations budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 has been depleted, awaiting reimbursement from LAFD for work already performed. This inefficient system of billing between departments is causing serious delays in both LAFD and LAPD technology installations, and must be corrected.

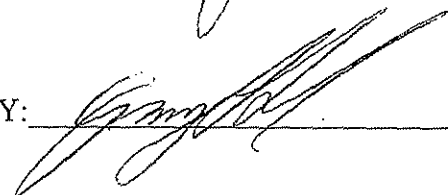
As of February 25, there were 34 out-of-service LAPD patrol cars parked on the roof of Piper Technical Center awaiting installation of wireless communication cards. At a conservative estimate of \$60,000 per vehicle, those cars represent over 2 million dollars of City resources being laid to waste. Alongside the LAPD cars are well over a dozen out-of-service LAFD trucks needlessly parked in a garage. These vital public safety and life support vehicles must be serviced as quickly as possible and returned to our neighborhoods' Police and Fire stations where they belong.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Information Technology Agency, the Los Angeles Fire Department, and the Los Angeles Police Department, report to the City Council in 30 days with a proposal to correct funding deficiencies in the Communications Services Division in order to eliminate the backlog of public safety vehicles that have been unnecessarily kept out of service pending installation of communications equipment.

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