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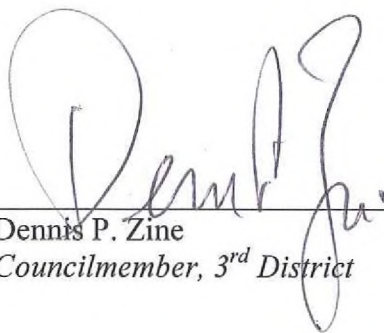
The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), in an internal audit, found financial oversight of its procurement processes to be severely lacking. As a result, many of the purchases and contracts totaling more than \$60 million in Fiscal Year 2007-2008 were not properly tracked or approved according to procedure. Departmental financial policies are in place to protect taxpayer dollars and must be respected at all times. Any violation of procurement procedures, whether intentional or not, must be fully investigated.

In response to the audit, LAPD administrators have indicated that further training will be provided to officers to clarify existing procedures regarding hiring vendors, soliciting bids, and documenting purchases. While additional training is certainly warranted, a larger review of the Department's procurement policies is also necessary.

The Los Angeles Police Commission is scheduled to discuss the audit findings during its regular meeting this morning. The City Council should also be fully debriefed on the details of these accounting and procurement errors and the measures put in place to prevent such mismanagement in the future.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department report to the City Council with a detailed explanation of its internal audit that found evidence of improper financial tracking and other violations of procurement policies related to the purchase of over \$60 million in goods and services in Fiscal Year 2007-2008, including a report on what changes have been made to the Department's personnel, training, tracking, and other procedures to correct this breach of oversight and to prevent any future occurrences.

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