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## **ZINE REQUESTS MORE MOTOR OFFICERS FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT**

(Los Angeles) - In response to increasing concerns about traffic safety and excessive speed on City streets, Councilman Dennis P. Zine introduced a motion today requesting additional resources be added to LAPD's four traffic divisions.

In fiscal year 1991/92, the Los Angeles Police Department had 304 Police Officer II+2 motor authorities assigned among the four traffic divisions. According to a Fixed Post Chart dated July 9, 1992, the LAPD cut 60 motor authorities and was left with 244 Police Officer II+2. The decrease was a result of budget cuts. It is reported that the LAPD currently has 242 Police Officer II+2 motor authorities among the four traffic bureaus. These authorities have been consistent since 1992.

The Los Angeles 2006/07 budget approved recently by the City Council includes resources to increase the number of police officers in LAPD. While specific deployment remains the responsibility of the Chief of Police, the City Council maintains a fundamental interest in the area of public safety. If the number of motor officers has remained flat for over a decade, a review is warranted.

“Public safety and traffic needs have increased as our population has grown, and as a result, there are more traffic fatalities and collisions,” said Councilman Dennis P. Zine, member of the Public Safety committee and 33 year veteran of the LAPD. “Motor officers are needed not only for enforcement purposes but also as first responders due to their unique ability to maneuver through traffic. We need to supplement the number of motor officers we have currently serving the City of Los Angeles.”

This motion has been referred to the Public Safety Committee of the City Council for report in 30 days on Citywide staffing levels and deployment of motor officers.

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