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ZINE REQUESTS REPORT BACK TO PERSONNEL COMMITTEE IN RESPONSE TO CHICK AUDIT

(Los Angeles) - In response to yesterday's release of the findings of the audit by City Controller Laura Chick regarding the status of Workers Compensation Claims and the quality of service provided by Cambridge Integrated Services, which processes the City's workers compensation claims for Fire and Police personnel, Councilman Dennis P. Zine today introduced a motion calling for the Personnel Department to report back with an update on an action plan to improve quality of service.

In November 2005, in response to a previous Zine motion, the Personnel Department reported to the Council on the status of processing these types of claims, related to health and safety of injured employees of the City of Los Angeles. Many items were addressed at that time including timely treatment, determination of compensability, delays and denials in processing the claims which causes City liability, and complaint resolution. At that time, the Personnel Department presented an action plan to monitor and improve the performance of Cambridge Integrated Services.

"Workers compensation payouts have been reduced by almost \$18 million over the last two years, but I still have concerns related to quality of service which must be addressed," said Councilman Zine, chair of the Personnel Committee. "We need to make the health and safety of our first responders of the City a priority while making sure to be fiscally responsible."

Today's motion will be referred to the Personnel Committee for a report back on the findings.

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