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## **ZINE MOTION CREATES HELICOPTER SAFETY TASK FORCE**

*(Los Angeles)* – Councilman Dennis P. Zine introduced a motion today to create a Blue Ribbon Task Force to review public safety concerns regarding increased helicopter traffic in the skies during news coverage of events on the ground.

In the wake of a tragic helicopter crash during the news coverage of a police chase in Phoenix, Arizona, this motion addresses the need for prevention of such incidents in the highly populated Los Angeles area. The Helicopter Safety Task Force will address public safety concerns regarding the interaction of news and law enforcement helicopters and will develop recommendations to protect the safety of peace officers, news reporters, and innocent bystanders at the scene.

“While public access to information is very important, public safety in highly volatile situations is imperative,” said Councilman Dennis P. Zine, member of the Public Safety Committee, retired LAPD Sergeant, and current Reserve Officer. “It is vital that peace officers have the ability to do their job without interference and that potentially tragic situations are avoided at all costs.”

Upon the motion’s approval, a Helicopter Safety Task Force would be created within 60 days and will include LAPD, other local and state law enforcement agencies, the Federal Aviation Administration, and news media organizations.

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