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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FILE NO. 19-020

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Delia Ibarra, President

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR QUARTERLY REPORTS OF AUDITS FROM THE  
INDEPENDENT ASSESSOR

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

## SUMMARY

Article V, Section 523, of the City of Los Angeles' Charter ("the Charter"), reads, in full, as follows:

### "Sec. 523. Independent Assessor.

The Independent Assessor shall report to the Board of Fire Commissioners and shall have the same access to Fire Department information as the Board of Fire Commissioners. The Independent Assessor shall have the power and duty to:

- (a) under rules established by the Board of Fire Commissioners, audit, assess and review the Fire Department's handling of complaints of misconduct committed by employees, sworn or civilian, of the Fire Department;
- (b) conduct any audit or assessment requested by majority vote of the board;
- (c) initiate any assessment or audit of the Fire Department or any portion of the Fire Department with prior notice to the Board of Fire Commissioners, and subject to the authority of the board by majority vote to direct the Independent Assessor not to commence or continue an assessment or audit;
- (d) keep the board informed of the status of all pending assessments and audits; and
- (e) appoint, discharge, discipline, transfer and issue instructions to employees under his or her direction.

SECTION HISTORY

Added by Charter Amendment A, approved March 3, 2009, effective April 1, 2009.”

From September of 2013, up until this date, the Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC) of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) has supervised the work of the Independent Assessor through the President and Vice President of the BOFC. In order to be consistent with the provisions of the Charter for the City of Los Angeles and to provide prior notice to the BOFC, the President of the BOFC is recommending that the Independent Assessor provide a written quarterly report to the BOFC in a public meeting.

The IA's report will describe all of the audits that are in progress, and that are contemplated by the Independent Assessor's office. Further, the recommendation is that a majority of the BOFC members present at the public meeting of the BOFC approve each of the audits, and if necessary, provide input and guidance, as a body, on each of those audits as they begin and as they progress.

These recommendations are in the interest of increased transparency, and public input and oversight.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board:  
Approve the recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,



Delia Ibarra  
President