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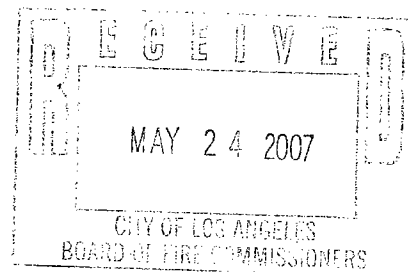
TO: Board of Fire Commissioners  
FROM: Douglas L. Barry, Acting Fire Chief *DLB*  
SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS  
SYSTEM

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## For Information Only

A letter in support of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications Systems (LA-RICS) has been drafted for the Board's signature.

Attachment



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Mr. Fred Latham, Chair  
LA-RICS Steering Committee  
P.O. Box 861236  
Los Angeles, CA 90086-1236

Dear Mr. Latham:

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles Board of Fire Commissioners, we wish to express our enthusiastic support for the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS). The project will provide for much needed communication interoperability for public safety, first responders in the Los Angeles Region.

As the lessons of September 11<sup>th</sup> taught us, the ability to communicate in an emergency is critical to the safety of our first responders and those they protect. The Los Angeles region has recognized the need for a regional system that will enable local, state, and federal first responders to communicate in case of a disaster or during emergency operations. Further, we commend the effort to bring together an unprecedented number of public safety agencies in designing a regional, cost-effective system that follows the recommended guidelines set forth by the Department of Homeland Security.

We congratulate the region's public safety agencies and elected officials in their current efforts to address this critical public safety issue for the Los Angeles region.

Sincerely,

**DALILA T. SOTELO, President**  
**Board of Fire Commissioners**