

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the level of the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) coordination with domestic violence support services.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE Motion (Blumenfield - Price) instructing the LAPD to report relative to the level of coordination that exists with domestic violence support services, how the Domestic Abuse Response Team functions and whether there are any unmet needs, and recommendations for strengthening the Department's partnerships with service providers.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Officer has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

### SUMMARY

On July 26, 2013, Council considered Motion (Blumenfield - Price) relative to the level of the LAPD's coordination with domestic violence support services. Motion states victims of domestic violence may not always be aware of the variety of services that are available, such as medical services, shelters, and counseling. Since law enforcement officers are frequently the first to make contact with a victim who has experienced domestic violence, Motion movers believe that it is crucial that they be equipped to refer victims to external support services.

Motion goes on to state that the LAPD has at least one type of specialized unit, the Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART), which can respond to the scene of a domestic or family violence call and provide intervention through family counseling, referrals to shelters, assistance in obtaining emergency protection orders, and other support services. To ensure that the City is continuing to provide adequate referral information and support services to victims, Motion movers recommend that Council review how current efforts are fulfilled. Council referred Motion to the Public Safety Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held August 23, 2013, the Public Safety Committee and representatives of the Mayor's Office and the LAPD discussed the Department's DART programming and ongoing coordination with domestic violence support services. Committee recommended that Council approve Motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEMBER      VOTE

ENGLANDER: YES

BUSCAINO: YES  
BONIN: YES  
O'FARRELL: ABSENT  
MARTINEZ: YES

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