

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the acceptance of the donation from the Los Angeles Police Foundation of funding for the 36-Hour Mental Health Intervention Training (MHIT) course for the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD).

Recommendation for Council action:

ACCEPT the donation of the 36-Hour MHIT course valued at \$25,000, from the Los Angeles Police Foundation for the benefit of the LAPD, and THANK the donor for this generous donation.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

### SUMMARY

In a report to the Board of Police Commissioners dated July 13, 2015, attached to the Council file, the LAPD recommends that the Board approve the acceptance of the donation from the Los Angeles Police Foundation of funding for the 36-Hour MHIT course for the LAPD. The LAPD reports that the donation is for the benefit of the LAPD, Detective Support and Vice Division, Mental Health Unit (MEU), Crisis Support Section. The 36-hour course was first developed by MEU in 2014 and received California Peace Officer Standards and Training certification on December 14, 2014. The MHIT course is designed for first responding officers to develop and enhance the ability to effectively handle persons with mental illness. The MHIT course teaches officers the objective signs and symptoms of mental illnesses, commonly encountered in the field and provides officers with strategies to properly engage and de-escalate situations that involve people who experience mental health crisis. In effect, it is designed to minimize the risk of injury to both the officer and the person in crisis. The donation also includes technology equipment, software and supplies. On March 24, 2015, Nicole Trujillo, Information Technology Bureau, approved the use of the equipment, software and supplies for use by the Department. All items purchased will be covered by manufacturers extended warranty. After further discussion of the matter, the Committee recommended that Council approve the acceptance of the donation from the Los Angeles Police Foundation of funding for the 36-Hour MHIT course for the LAPD, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



MEMBER      VOTE  
ENGLANDER:    YES

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

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