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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the acceptance of the in-kind donation from the Los Angeles Police Foundation of tree trimming services for the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD).

Recommendation for Council action:

ACCEPT the donation of tree trimming services valued at \$18,000, 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 in-kind donation from the Los Angeles Police Foundation of tree trimming services for the LAPD. The LAPD reports that the donation is for the benefit of the LAPD. Due to cost saving measures, the City's tree trimming services have been greatly reduced in recent years. The project would not only improve the visual landscape of the region, but the overgrown trees pose a public safety hazard on separate levels. Many narcotics offenders have utilized the cover of the overgrown trees to store and conceal their activities. The narcotic activities in turn lead to additional violent crimes in the area. The objective is to reduce the narcotic activities in the area as well as reduce area blight which would be a much needed benefit to the community. After further discussion of the matter, the Committee recommended that Council approve the acceptance of the in-kind donation from the Los Angeles Police Foundation of tree trimming services 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



| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| ENGLANDER: | YES |
| BUSCAINO: | YES |
| BONIN: | YES |
| O'FARRELL: | YES |
| MARTINEZ: | ABSENT |