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The Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Position Authority for Restoration of Engine 69

Dear Council Members:

As the City Council is aware, one of my highest priorities as Fire Chief is providing additional resources to the Los Angeles Department (LAFD), including the restoration of emergency resources that were closed with the elimination of 318 sworn positions in Fiscal Year 2011-12.

During discussion of the FY 2015-16 Proposed Budget, I indicated that if funding were approved, Engine 69 would be restored to address several risk factors in that district. These include: geographic isolation and the extended response time to bring resources into the district; continuing road construction within the surrounding area, which compounds the access issues; high brush terrain requiring pre-deployment during Red Flag Days; and the high concentration of large single family dwellings which are challenging to extinguish when fires erupt.

The FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget included \$521,000 in the Unappropriated Balance (UB) to provide three months funding to augment LAFD field resources. On March 1, 2016, City Council approved the Mid-Year Financial Status Report (C.F. 15-0600-S94), which included the fund transfer from the UB into the LAFD budget to enable restoration of Engine 69. To effect the staffing for this resource, position authorities must be authorized for this fiscal year. Continuation of these authorities has been requested in the FY 2016-17 Budget.

It is, therefore recommended that City Council, subject to approval of the Mayor, authorize the following resolution position authorities from April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016, subject to classification determination by the Personnel Department:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Class Code</u>
3	Fire Captain I	2142-1
3	Engineer of Fire Department	2131
6	Firefighter III	2112-3

Sincerely,

RALPH M. TERRAZAS
Fire Chief