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Honorable Council Member Mitchell Englander
Chair, Public Safety Committee
c/o Office of the City Clerk
200 North Main Street, Room 300
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Fire Department Operations Valley Bureau Headquarters

Since establishment of the four Geographic Bureau concept during FY 2014-15, Operations Valley Bureau (OVB) Headquarters staff have been separately housed at Fire Stations 83 and 88 due to lack of available office space and funding to construct a new facility. This was remedied through the FY 2017-18 Adopted Budget that included up to \$1.1M Proposition F funds to construct modular buildings to accommodate the co-location of OVB staff. The Fire Department was instructed to report to Public Safety Committee, prior to proceeding with construction, on potential locations for OVB Headquarters, and to ensure that construction would not negatively impact the Bike Lane Project.

Potential Locations

Fire Stations 39, 81 and 88 were considered as having sufficient space to accommodate modular buildings. The Department determined that Fire Station 88 as the most appropriate and cost beneficial location for the following reasons:

- Part of the OVB Headquarters staff is currently housed at Fire Station 88. Allowing them to remain at their current location eliminates additional moving costs.
- Modular buildings were constructed on the Fire Station 88 property over 25 years ago. The buildings have been occupied by the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and the Disaster Response Section comprised of the Urban Search and Rescue Unit, Wildland Field Management Unit and the Swiftwater Rescue Coordinator. The CERT staff was relocated over three years ago when the modular building it occupied was condemned due to health hazards caused by mold. The Bureau of Engineering and Department of General Services have

agreed that the remaining modular structures at Fire Station 88 should be replaced due to their deteriorating condition.

It is important that the Disaster Response Section remain at Fire Station 88 because the site includes a large warehouse that stores all search and rescue equipment and supplies required to respond to Federal Emergency Management Agency declared responses throughout the country. Proposition F funding would enable construction of a modular building to accommodate the relocation of OVB Headquarters staff currently housed at Fire Station 83, and a replacement building for the Disaster Response Section on the same footprint as the existing modular structures.

Bike Lane Project

The Bike Lane Project is along the LA River channel. There will be no impact to this Project because Fire Station 88 is distant from the LA River.

Please note and file this report as it is provided for informational purposes.

There is no impact to the General Fund inasmuch as the report is provided for informational purposes.

Sincerely,



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