

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a proposed agreement with Helicopter Express, Inc. for Aerial Firefighting Helitanker Services.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), or designee, to execute the proposed agreement between the LAFD and Helicopter Express, Inc. for dedicated aerial firefighting helitanker services, from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029, with one five-year option to extend, and a total maximum compensation amount of \$18,494,700.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that approval of the recommendation in this report will not impact the General Fund. The LAFD's 2025-26 Adopted Budget includes funding for these services in the amount of \$4,494,700 in its Contractual Services Account. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon available funding provided by and through the annual budget process.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendation in this report is consistent with the City's Financial Policies in that ongoing revenues will be used to support these services.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On September 17, 2025 your Public Safety Committee considered a report from the City Administrative Officer relative to a proposed agreement with Helicopter Express, Inc. for Aerial Firefighting Helitanker Services.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Public Safety Committee moved approve the recommendations in the CAO report, 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>
LEE	YES
PRICE	YES
McOSKER	YES
SOTO-MARTÍNEZ	YES
PARK	YES

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