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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell, Fourth District (P.O.)
Vice Mayor Robert Garcia, First District (R.G.)
Councilmember Al Austin, Eighth District (Al)
Councilmember Steven Neal, Ninth District (SR & SN)

Subject: Public Safety Reimbursements

Several city departments and functions are classified and budgeted as enterprise activities because they provide a service or product and produce revenue. These functions and departments may or not be managed by the City Manager but are no less part of the City of Long Beach. Among the entities are the Port of Long Beach, Gas and Oil, the Water Department and the Long Beach Airport (LGB) and greater tidelands area, and others. These departments do not generate general fund dollars but do and should bear the direct costs associated with the provision of direct public safety services and others. Significant and costly specialized public safety assets and other equipment are kept on hand should a major homeland security or threat be incurred due to the existence of these functions in our city.

In order to ensure that the general fund is not carrying the financial burden of the non-general fund activities an in-house management review should be conducted to review the following:

- Fire Hydrant Maintenance
- Development of a Homeland Security Enterprise Fund Security Charge
- Review of the "total costs" associated with providing public safety and other to general and non-general fund departments.

Recommendation: Respectfully request City Manager to work with appropriate staff to report to Council on a potential policy and plan by which public safety enterprise fund services and weighted costs are addressed appropriately by all departments.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no significant fiscal impact with requesting City Management to report to Council on options for the policy described herein.