

CITY OF LONG BEACH

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

400 WEST BROADWAY LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA 90802

Robert G. Luna Chief of Police

January 6, 2015

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and subsequent amendments, with the County of Los Angeles Department of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for Online Access to Real Property Index/Images and Vital Records Index for an initial term of two years, with an option for five additional one-year terms through written amendment (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Long Beach Police Department (PD) is a member of the Los Angeles County Real Estate Fraud Task Force that requires the use of Real Property Index/Images (RPI) and Vital Records Index (VRI) for the investigation of real estate crimes. The County of Los Angeles Department of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) provides online access to RPI and VRI to law enforcement agencies to assist with real estate fraud investigations and to file criminal cases against those involved. RR/CC has prepared an MOU to ensure that information accessed through the online access system remains confidential, and that information is used only for official business.

Staff is requesting City Council approval to enter into an MOU with RR/CC so that eligible law enforcement personnel at PD are able to access RPI and VRI information to support the investigative process. PD agrees to maintain the terms and conditions of the MOU, including strict security over the access and use of information from the RR/CC online system. All changes, modifications, or amendments to the MOU must be in the form of written amendment executed by both parties.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Kendra Carney on December 17, 2014, and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on November 12, 2014.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on January 6, 2014, to address ongoing criminal investigations.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no cost to the City for this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Criminal investigation activities are budgeted in the General Fund (GF) in the Police Department (PD). There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

R. Luna

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT G. LUNA CHIEF OF POLICE

RL:JB:jpk CCL Real Estate Database MOU

APPROVED:

PATRICK H. WEST CITY MANAGER