




**City of Long Beach**  
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*Memorandum  
Councilmember  
Patrick O'Donnell  
4<sup>th</sup> District*

**R-25**

**Date:** October 17, 2006

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell, Fourth District 

**Subject:** **Long Beach Police Department Staffing**

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The Long Beach Police Department is comprised of 1,000 budgeted sworn police positions, and hundreds of civilian support staff at facilities throughout the city. The men and women of the Long Beach Police Department, both civilian and sworn, strive to achieve a high level of service for the residents of Long Beach and are true professionals. On a periodic basis, and as a best practice, the department should review its staffing allocations to ensure sworn personnel are assigned to positions consistent with their training, classification, and compensation. Our city should strive to ensure, as much as possible, that our police officers are assigned to the streets and proactive crime-fighting positions.

**Recommended Action:**

Request City Manager to work with the Long Beach Police Department to conduct an internal audit/review of staff positions and assignments, ensuring the Council directive that the number of sworn officers assigned to proactive crime-fighting positions is maximized.