

**C-14**

August 18, 2020

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding, and any necessary documents including subsequent amendments, with law enforcement and prosecutorial personnel from public agencies within Los Angeles County who participate in the Taskforce for Regional Autotheft Prevention. (Citywide)

**DISCUSSION**

City Council approval is requested for the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with participating law enforcement and prosecutorial personnel from public agencies within Los Angeles County (County) in the Taskforce for Regional Autotheft Prevention (Taskforce).

The purpose of the Taskforce is to promote a coordinated effort and encourage maximum cooperation between all law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies in the County to deter and reduce the incidents of vehicle theft, increase the recovery rate of stolen vehicles, identify trends and patterns in vehicle theft, provide training and expertise to participating agencies countrywide, and coordinate a deterrence program in conjunction with the private sector.

According to the May 2020 citywide crime statistics, property crime has increased in the categories of Grand Theft Auto and Auto Burglary. Through May 31, 2020, LBPD reported a 12.1 percent increase in Grand Theft Auto (993 incidents) and a 28.9 percent increase in Auto Burglaries (856 incidents) compared to the same period last year. It is anticipated that the Taskforce will significantly impact these crime numbers due to their expertise and resources related to auto theft investigations.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Sarah E. Green on July 22, 2020 and by Budget Management Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on July 14, 2020.

**TIMING CONSIDERATIONS**

City Council action is requested on August 18, 2020, to ensure the MOU is in place expeditiously.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal or local job impact associated with this recommendation. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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CHIEF OF POLICE

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA  
CITY MANAGER