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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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SUBJECT: Space Use Agreement Between the City of Long Beach and the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is responsible for assisting and protecting endangered, abused and neglected children. As a result of a recent change in operations, eight DCFS social workers are being located at police and sheriff stations throughout Los Angeles County.

The Long Beach Police Department was chosen to receive three social workers. One will be housed at police headquarters and utilized primarily for search warrant response. Two additional workers will be housed at the West Division and respond to various other needs of our community. The social workers will be available 24 hours, seven days a week. DCFS and the Long Beach Police Department have an excellent working relationship and work closely together while investigating cases involving children. Having the emergency teams located within police facilities will enhance the relationship between the two agencies and ensures a quick response to the children who require assistance.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney J. Charles Parkin on June 23, 2004 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on June 25, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on July 6, 2004, to facilitate the placement of the social workers.

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FISCAL IMPACT

DCFS workers will use office space and telephones at Police Department facilities, but will provide their own office furniture and computer equipment. The Police Department will absorb any costs within its General Fund appropriation associated with telephone usage and utilities. Telephone usage will be limited to business-related calls only.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THE CITY COUNCIL:

Authorize the City Manager to execute the space use agreement, and any subsequent amendments, between the City of Long Beach and the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services to provide office space and allow for telephone usage for the DCFS response team staff. The agreement may be terminated with thirty (30) days' written notice by either party.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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