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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Jim McDonnell
Chief of Police

July 5, 2011

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution approving the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force Joint Powers Agreement (LA-Impact JPA), thus authorizing the City's Membership in the LA Impact Authority; and authorize the City Manager to execute the JPA Agreement. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Inaugurated on July 1, 1991, the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (LA IMPACT) is a compilation of numerous Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County whose primary focus is to investigate major crimes, with an emphasis on dismantling mid-to major-level drug trafficking organizations. The Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association founded the task force and currently acts as the Board of Directors. The Long Beach Police Department has actively participated in the LA IMPACT program since it was first approved by the City Council on February 4, 1997.

In 2005, as a result of a lawsuit regarding Brown Act requirements, the California Court of Appeal issued a decision stating that LA IMPACT, though not intended by member agencies to be a separate public entity, was, in fact, a local public agency whose Board of Directors meetings are subject to the open meeting requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Following the Court of Appeal's 2005 decision, the Board of Directors determined that operating under the informal arrangement of a Memorandum Of Understanding is no longer prudent, and that it would be in LA IMPACT's and its members' best interests to formally organize itself as a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) governed by an Agreement that explicitly addresses these and other issues of legal concern. The attached Resolution recognizes the establishment of the LA-Impact JPA and authorizes the City Manager to execute the JPA Agreement.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary Anderson on April 27, 2011 and Budget Officer Victoria Bell on June 8, 2011.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on July 5, 2011 in order to expedite the Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact and no local job impact associated with this request.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



JIM McDONNELL
CHIEF OF POLICE

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APPROVED:



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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, APPROVING THE LOS ANGELES INTERAGENCY METROPOLITAN POLICE APPREHENSION CRIME TASK FORCE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT (LA IMPACT JPA), AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S MEMBERSHIP IN LA IMPACT; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE JPA AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach recognizes the need for a regional crime task force with specialized proficiency in the area of surveillance to effectively investigate major crimes, with an emphasis on narcotics enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach currently participates in the Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task force (LA IMPACT) as a signatory to a Memorandum of Understanding, and supports the concept of formally organizing LA IMPACT as a Joint Powers Authority to clarify the rights and duties of the LA IMPACT members and to provide LA IMPACT with legal standing as an entity with its own; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) creates an Authority to coordinate a county-wide multi-jurisdictional crime task force; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach desires to become a member of the LA IMPACT Authority created hereto;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach, California resolves as follows:

Section 1: Pursuant to the City's authority under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act in California Government Code § 6500 et seq., the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (LA IMPACT) Joint Powers Agreement, attached hereto and incorporated herein, is approved, thereby authorizing the

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City's membership in the LA IMPACT Authority; and

Section 2: The City Manager is authorized and directed to execute the LA IMPACT Joint Powers Agreement to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2011, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk