



Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: MAY 13, 2025

FROM: PORT POLICE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR AERIAL SUPPORT SERVICES

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) for aerial support services to be conducted by the LAPD on behalf of the Harbor Department. These services are required in order for the Port Police to conduct critical missions including port security, public safety, and environmental protection.

The intent of this MOA is to memorialize the understanding between the Harbor Department and the LAPD regarding the terms of services provided and the reimbursement payments. The proposed MOA is for a term of three years and not to exceed the amount of \$405,000. The Harbor Department will be financially responsible for payment of the costs incurred under the proposed MOA.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

1. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Approve the proposed MOA between the Harbor Department and the Los Angeles Police Department;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to the MOA; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ LAPD AERIAL MOA

DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – The Port Police has utilized LAPD aerial support services through an MOA since 2004 in order to conduct critical missions within the Port of Los Angeles (Port). The LAPD provides aircraft, aircraft maintenance, pilots, and aircraft crewmembers for these operations. Port Police officers trained as observers ride in the aircraft and report on any observations that may be related to the security of the Port or any potential public safety or environmental protection issues. Other aerial support operations may include radiological/nuclear source screening, transportation of Port Police officers and equipment, and providing video downlink capability during complex response operations.

These operations are only conducted at the request of the Port Police. The LAPD is reimbursed by the Harbor Department for LAPD overtime costs incurred while conducting these operations.

This inter-department MOA establishes the terms of the agreement including services provided by the LAPD, billing, payment, auditing, and indemnification. The term of the agreement is three years, commencing upon execution by the Harbor Department.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of an MOA with LAPD for aerial support services, which is an administrative activity. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The proposed MOA is for a term of three years and not to exceed the amount of \$405,000. Funding in the amount of \$135,000 is being requested as part of the annual budget adoption process in the Fiscal Year 25/26 Operating Budget within Account 571016 (Miscellaneous City Services), Division 52010 (Port Police). Upon Board approval, funding for future fiscal years will be requested to be budgeted as part of the annual budget process as follows:

Fiscal Year	Amount
2025/26	\$135,000
2026/27	\$135,000
2027/28	\$135,000
Total Cost	\$ 405,000

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In the event that funding is not appropriated in future fiscal years, the Harbor Department can opt to withdraw from the MOA.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the subject MOA as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. LAPD Aerial Services MOA

FIS Approval: JS
CA Approval: SO



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