



Executive Director's
Report to the

Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: MAY 26, 2013

FROM: PORT POLICE

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
RECOMMENDATIONS 1 AND 2 FROM THE BAZILIO COBB
ASSOCIATES PERFORMANCE AUDIT ON PORT POLICE STAFFING
AND SERVICES**

SUMMARY:

On April 18, 2013, the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) received findings of a Performance Audit on Port Police Staffing and Services performed by Bazilio Cobb Associates (BCA), and the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) was briefed on its results. The Board asked staff to move forward with implementing the first two recommendations of the BCA findings. The first recommendation suggested the establishment of an executive committee to develop and provide clear policy direction to the Port Police Division (Port Police); and the second recommended development of a strategic plan and road map in cooperation with said committee for presentation to the Board for discussion and approval.

In order to proceed with this implementation, staff proposes that the Board formally authorize the establishment of a Harbor Public Safety Committee (HPSC) that would fulfill the role of the executive committee envisioned by BCA. Additionally, it is proposed that the Board, through its HPSC, approve development of Strategic Plan for Public Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management (Strategic Plan) for the Port Police. Once approved by the Commission, the Strategic Plan would then be incorporated into the current Harbor Department five-year strategic plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Approve the establishment of a Board of Harbor Commissioners' Harbor Public Safety Committee and authorize the President to appoint two Commissioners to serve as members;
2. Direct staff to develop a Strategic Plan for Public Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the Port Police Division in cooperation with the Board of Harbor Commissioners' Harbor Public Safety Committee; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. _____ to establish a Board of Harbor Commissioners' Committee on Harbor Public Safety.

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DISCUSSION:

Background/Context: The Port Police have grown significantly over the past ten years. This growth has been driven by the homeland security mission undertaken following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the development of parks and other community space in and around the Port, and the growth of the Port overall. Due to the dynamic growth of both the Port and of the Port Police, it was reasonable and timely to review and validate current staffing levels of the Port Police. As a result, a study was commissioned to review Port Police staffing and services. The findings of this study were presented to the Board by BCA on April 18, 2013.

On April 18th, 2013, the Board directed staff to move forward with the first two recommendations from the BCA report. The first recommendation suggested the establishment of an executive committee to provide clear policy direction for the Port Police; and the second recommended development of a strategic plan and road map in cooperation with said committee which would be presented to the Board for discussion and approval.

Regarding the first recommendation, staff recommends that a HPSC be established. Further, staff recommends that the HPSC consist of two Harbor Commissioners, subject to appointment by the Board President. The remaining members should include the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director for Operations and the Chief of the Port Police. It is also recommended that HPSC be tasked with meeting as needed or at least semi-annually and report to the Board at least annually regarding Port Police issues, as appropriate.

Regarding the second recommendation, staff recommends the development of a current public safety Strategic Plan. The proposed Strategic Plan would establish the direction for the future of Port Police missions based on anticipated growth and changes within the Port and its surrounding communities, application of new technology, and the overall strategic objectives of the Harbor Department. This Strategic Plan will incorporate any appropriate findings of the Port Police staffing performance audit. This Strategic Plan will build upon a previously submitted Port of Los Angeles Strategic Plan for Safety and Security (Transmittal 1) and incorporate it into the current Harbor Department five-year Strategic Plan (2017).

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval to establish a Harbor Public Safety Committee and the development of a Strategic Plan for the Port Police in cooperation with the new Committee. As an administrative activity, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article II, Section 2 (f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

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ECONOMIC BENEFITS:

Approval of the proposed Agreement will support one direct and one secondary job for the five-county region.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

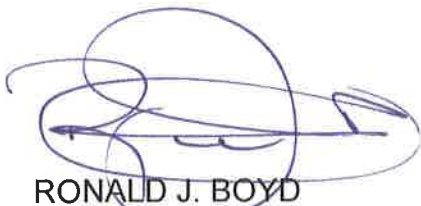
The action taken in this report will not have immediate financial impact. Subsequent actions by the HPSC may have an impact on Port Police staffing and procurements. It is not possible to predict the impact of HPSC decisions at this time.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved it as to form and legality the transmitted Resolution.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Port of Los Angeles Strategic Plan for Safety and Security
2. Resolution to establish a Board of Harbor Commissioners' Committee on Harbor Public Safety



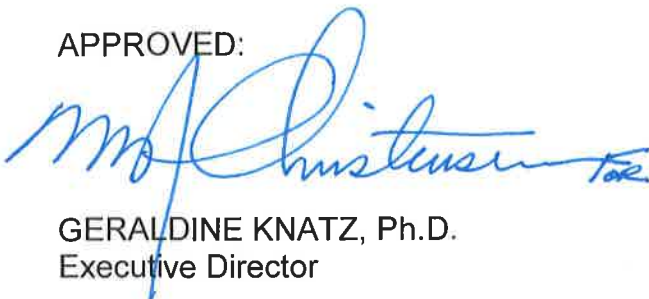
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FIS Approval:  (initials)
CA Approval:  (initials)



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