



THE PORT  
OF LOS ANGELES  
Executive Director's  
Report to the

Board of Harbor Commissioners

**DATE: APRIL 18, 2023**

**FROM: PORT POLICE**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES PORT POLICE AND THE FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION TERMINAL ISLAND FORMALIZING JOINT AGENCY PRACTICES AND AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES WITH REGARDS TO MUTUAL ASSISTANCE DURING UNUSUAL OCCURENCES**

**SUMMARY:**

Staff requests approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department), on behalf of the Los Angeles Port Police (LAPP), and United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Federal Correctional Institution, Terminal Island (FCI Terminal Island), to formalize joint agency practices and agency responsibilities with regard to law enforcement response during a natural disaster and/or law enforcement emergency.

This proposed MOA is for a three-year term and will establish the various duties and responsibilities of each agency, in fulfilling their respective public safety, law enforcement, emergency management, and joint operations. The approval of this proposed MOA will have no financial impact on the Harbor Department, as there are no costs and or revenues associated with this action.

**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 Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and the United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Federal Correctional Institution, Terminal Island to formalize the understanding between the Los Angeles Port Police and the Federal Correctional Institution, Terminal Island formalizing joint agency practices and agency responsibilities with regard to law enforcement response operations in the Harbor District for a term of three-years;

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3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute, and the Board Secretary to attest to, the proposed Memorandum of Agreement for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCUSSION:**

Background/Context – The Los Angeles Port Police is the primary provider of port security, maritime policing, police patrol and response within the lands and waters of the Harbor District. FCI Terminal Island is a federal prison within the Port Police jurisdictional area housing federal offenders with a mission to provide a safe, humane, cost-efficient, and appropriately secured holding facility. FCI Terminal Island strives to accomplish their mission by ensuring that inmates are housed in a facility that best meets their security needs while providing them with a variety of correctional programs that balance punishment, deterrence, and rehabilitation.

This proposed MOA is for a three-year term and documents joint agency practices and responsibilities with regards to emergency law enforcement response operations. The MOA establishes responsibility for mutual assistance during a natural disaster and/or law enforcement emergency requiring prompt action and which is, or threatens to be, of such serious proportions that each party's resources alone are, or may be inadequate to maintain the safety and security of the public, each party's prisoners, and/or each party's staff. By implementing this MOA, each agency will share its resources in the event of a natural disaster or other necessary law enforcement response.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is the approval of an MOA with the Harbor Department, LAPP, United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, and FCI Terminal Island, 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:**

Approval of this MOA will have no financial impact on the Harbor Department, as it is administrative in nature, formalizing the understanding between LAPP and FCI Terminal Island, regarding the exchange of information necessary to facilitate the mission sets of both agencies.

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CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the proposed Memorandum of Agreement as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. MOA between the Harbor Department and FCI TERMINAL ISLAND

CA Approval: SO  
FIS Approval: MB



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