



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: April 7, 2009
Item Number: E-4
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: David L. Snowden
Subject: **RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
REAUTHORIZING A CIVILIAN RANGEMASTER POSITION TO BE
FUNDED BY THE CITY'S COPS ALLOCATION**
Attachments: 1. Resolution

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council conduct a public hearing and adopt the resolution authorizing use of the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Allocation to continue the funding of one Civilian Rangemaster position.

INTRODUCTION

In order to accept a State funding opportunity, a public hearing must be conducted and a resolution must be adopted to authorize use of the COPS Allocation to continue the funding of a Civilian Rangemaster position.

DISCUSSION

As part of the 1996-1997 State budget package, the COPS Allocation was enacted, providing per capita rate funding for frontline police services. During the first four years of the program, the City's share of COPS Allocation funding was approximately \$77,000 annually. Since FY 2000-2001, the State budget package has authorized \$100,000 per year in COPS Allocation funding for Beverly Hills.

At a public hearing on January 22, 1997, the City Council approved the COPS Allocation to fund salary and benefit costs for a full-time Civilian Rangemaster position. Previously, Rangemaster duties were shared by ten full-time sworn personnel (either police officers or sergeants) in addition to their principal assignments. The establishment of a Civilian Rangemaster position enabled these sworn personnel to return full-time to their regular police duties, which fulfilled the requirement to fund frontline police services. Each year

thereafter, COPS Allocation funds for the Civilian Rangemaster position have been renewed.

The resolution before the City Council renews the use of COPS Allocation funds for the Rangemaster position for FY08/09.

FISCAL IMPACT

Due to the State of California's current economic condition, the City has only received half of this year's allocation. The County of Los Angeles has indicated that we should anticipate receiving the balance of our allocation before the end of the fiscal year. Additionally, while larger agencies are expecting to see their FY08/09 allocations reduced, the City's allocation of \$100,000 is the minimum for the program and is not expected to be reduced.

For FY08/09, salary and benefits for the Civilian Rangemaster position are budgeted for \$88,134. Because the FY08/09 COPS Allocation exceeds this amount, no additional funds are required to fund this position. Furthermore, surplus funds have accumulated in the City's COPS allocation fund because the Civilian Rangemaster position was vacant during FY06/07 and a portion of FY07/08. The City has a sufficient amount of surplus funds that can be used in conjunction with the portion of the FY08/09 allocation already received to fully-fund the Civilian Rangemaster position for the remainder of FY08/09.

Although the COPS Allocation represents an on-going program, continued funding will require a new State appropriation each fiscal year and a public hearing. If State funding is eliminated or reduced in the future, the City will expend any remaining funds from the COPS Allocation account and decide whether other potential grant opportunities or the General Fund will fund the Civilian Rangemaster position.



Scott G. Miller, Director
Finance Approval



David L. Snowden, Chief of Police
Police Approval

RESOLUTION NO. 09-R-

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS REAUTHORIZING A CIVILIAN RANGEMASTER POSITION TO BE FUNDED BY THE CITY'S COPS ALLOCATION

The Council of the City of Beverly Hills does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby reauthorizes the establishment of a civilian rangemaster position and the use of the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) allocation to finance that position.

Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of the Resolution and shall cause the Resolution and his certification to be entered in the Book of Resolutions of the Council of the City.

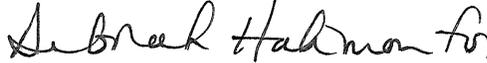
Adopted:

NANCY KRASNE
Mayor of the City of
Beverly Hills, California

ATTEST:

_____(SEAL)
BYRON POPE
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



LAURENCE S. WIENER
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

RODERICK J. WOOD
City Manager

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