



## CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

**Meeting Date:** November 3, 2011

**To:** Honorable Mayor & City Council

**From:** David Snowden, Chief of Police  
Mitch McCann, Police Captain ~ Field Services Division

**Subject:** Request by Councilmember Gold to Discuss Police Department Costs Associated with VIP Details

**Attachments:**

1. Year to Date List of 2011 Protection Details
2. October 12, 2011 Letter to Democratic National Committee
3. September 29, 2009 Letter from Perkins Coie; Robert Bauer General Counsel to DNC

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Councilmember Gold requested this item be placed on the City Council agenda for an overview and general understanding as to real cost incurred by the City for VIP protection.

### **DISCUSSION**

During the course of any given year, the City of Beverly Hills plays host to numerous visiting dignitaries from around the world. There is a variety of reasons for their visits to the City including eating, shopping or lecturing. A number of the notables merely pass through the community while others make use of our services and/or our hotels.

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The Beverly Hills Police Department staffs a five-member Special Tactics Unit (STU) that is tasked, among other duties, with the responsibility of dignitary protection for visiting VIPs.

The level of protection provided to dignitaries varies depending on the status of the dignitary and/or the perceived threat against them. Most dignitaries have some form of personal protection detail. This could range from a single protection officer up to a full motorcade. The Police Department usually receives a courtesy notification that a protected person is in the City, even if no assistance is required or wanted. Depending on the level of protection the dignitary already has, the department often assigns a single officer from STU. This is referred to as a Protective Intelligence Officer (PI). In addition, approximately 90% of all dignitary visits, regardless of deployment needs, require a K-9 unit to conduct an Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) sweep of any location to be utilized for residence overnight (RON) or a speaking engagement. If additional protection is necessary, the department provides officers on post ranging from a partial to a full department deployment. Obviously, the President of the United States (POTUS) receives the highest level of dignitary protection.

In the event that the City of Beverly Hills would decline to participate in these protective services, or cut back on services provided, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department would be brought in to replace the Beverly Hills Police Department. The Beverly Hills Police Department and the City would lose all operational control of the protection detail and any related law enforcement/traffic functions.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Because many visits are not announced, it is difficult to determine the total fiscal impact VIP visits can have on the City. Some visits require the City's participation while other visits vary in the level of detail needed from the City. Additionally, it should be noted that for dignitaries protected by the US Department of State, there is a provision that allows the City to bill for reimbursement for manpower and resources utilized in the protection detail. The US Secret Service, however, does not provide for reimbursement for their protected persons. The one exception to that may be for presidential visits made for the sole purpose of political fundraising. In that event, it is the department's understanding, that the Democratic National Committee (DNC) or the Republican National Committee (RNC) would be responsible for reimbursement to the City. So far, the National Committees of both parties have declined to reimburse the City.

Below are cost associated with the POTUS visits that took place in April 2011 and September 2011:

	April 21 - 22	September 26 -27
Fire Department	\$3,581.08	\$3,943.16
Public Works Department	\$0.00	\$3,879.99
Police Department	\$35,097.29	\$35,543.00
<b>Total for each month</b>	<b>\$38,678.37</b>	<b>\$43,366.15</b>

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The Beverly Hills Police Department will continue to provide the high level of service as expected.



Mitch McCann, Captain

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Approved By

# Attachment 1

## Dignitary Visits from 1/1/11 to 10/01/11

01/13/11	U.S. Attorney General McDaniel	No Assistance
01/28/11	House Majority Leader Eric Cantor	P.I. only
01/30-31/11	Supreme Court Justice Kennedy	No Assistance
01/31 to 02/02	Speaker John Boehner	No Assistance
02/18-21/11	President of Rwanda	No Assistance
02/21/11	U.N. Sec. Gen. Ban-Ki Moon	No Assistance
03/06/11	Former PM Tony Blair	No Assistance
03/12/11	French Foreign Minister	No Assistance
03/16-19/11	FPOTUS Clinton	P.I. only
03/23-24/11	Speaker John Boehner	No Assistance
03/23/11	Senate Leader Harry Reid	No Assistance
04/07/11	Amir of Qatar	P.I. only
04/12/11	FFLOTUS Nancy Reagan	P.I. only
04/19-21/11	House Majority Leader Eric Cantor	P.I. only
04/21-22/11	POTUS	Full Deployment
04/28/11	U.S. Drug Czar Kerlikowske	No Assistance
04/30 to 05/01	FFLOTUS	P.I. only
05/01-02/11	House Majority Leader Eric Cantor	P.I. only
05/10-11/11	FPOTUS G.W.Bush	P.I. only
05/19-21/11	King of Tonga	No Assistance
06/08/11	House Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy	No Assistance
06/13/11	FLOTUS	Full Deployment
06/27-30/11	First Lady of Turkey	No Assistance
06/28-30/11	House Majority Leader Eric Cantor	P.I. only
07/08-10/11	Prince William & Kate	P.I and function posts

## Dignitary Visits from 1/1/11 to 10/01/11

08/15-16/11	Prime Minister of Mongolia	P.I. only
09/23-25/11	President of Gabon	P.I. only
09/23-25/11	House Majority Leader Eric Cantor	P.I. only
09/24-26/11	President of Armenia	P.I. function only
09/26-27/11	Foreign Minister of Greece	No Assistance
09/26-27/11	POTUS	Full Deployment

\*\*\*\*\* 90 % or so of these visits required an EOD sweep that was conducted by BHPD K-9's

# Attachment 2

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October 12, 2011

Democratic National Committee  
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Attn: Nickcole James, Accounts Payable

Re: Request for reimbursement of City costs associated with Presidential Fund Raising Visit

Nickcole,

The President of the United States recently visited the Los Angeles area on two separate occasions, the first visit was on April 21-22, 2011; and the most recent was on September 26-27, 2011. Both of these visits were highly publicized fund raising events.

On both of the visits, President Obama resided overnight in Beverly Hills hotels. As a result, the City of Beverly Hills was actively involved in the planning, safety, security and transportation arrangements associated with a presidential visit. It is no small undertaking to ensure a successful presidential visit, and the costs associated with such a visit are significant for a small municipality, especially in today's current economic climate.

According to public information presented by the White House, when a presidential visit is entirely or primarily for the purpose of fundraising, then the Democratic National Committee is responsible for the expenses associated with the travel.

As a result, I have enclosed a bill from the City of Beverly Hills in the amount of \$82,044.53. This bill represents the actual costs incurred by the City of Beverly Hills for Police, Fire and Public Works related to both presidential visits.

Thank you very much for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Rosen".

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# Attachment 3



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September 29, 2009

**VIA E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL**

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**Re: Request for Payment of Security Costs**

Dear Lieutenant Rosen:

The Democratic National Committee ("DNC") has received your request for payment of expenses incurred by the Beverly Hills Police Department in relation to President Obama's visit on May 27, 2009.

As a private organization, the DNC did not participate in security or traffic control planning. All such decisions, including their impact on costs incurred by federal, state or local governments, are exclusively within the control of the appropriate government officials. Should there be a question about the allocation of expenses among the cooperating authorities, we assume that it should be directed to the Secret Service.

Very truly yours,

Robert F. Bauer  
General Counsel to the Democratic National Committee

cc: City of Beverly Hills, Finance Administration

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