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MAYOR

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Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall

Re: Transfer of U.S. Department of Justice COPS Grants

Honorable Members:

Transmitted herewith for consideration by the City Council is a request to transfer all grant management authorities of the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program funding from the Mayor's Office to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). The COPS Program, which was authorized by the 1994 Crime Act, provides grants, training and technical assistance to local law enforcement agencies. The Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety currently manages a total of seven active grant awards from the COPS Program, totaling \$60,608,433. Grant names and agreement numbers are as follows:

GRANT NAME	AGREEMENT #
COPS Universal Hiring Program 2003	2003ULWX0018
COPS Making Officer Redeployment Effective II (MORE) 1996	1997CLWX0037
COPS Making Officer Redeployment Effective III (MORE) 1998	1998CLWX0211
COPS Making Officer Redeployment Effective (MORE) 2002	2002CLWX0014
COPS National Executive Session on Gangs	2003CKWXK068
COPS Internal Affairs Networks	2003HSWXK040
COPS Interoperable Communications	2003INWX0004

The COPS grants are awarded to the City of Los Angeles, with both the Chief of Police and Mayor serving as executors of the grants, and exclusively support law enforcement projects. COPS grants provide several types of funding programs for law enforcement related purposes in the City, such as COPS Universal Hiring Program, COPS Making Officer Redeployment Effective (MORE) Grant Program, and other special initiatives related to national gang and internal affairs policies and interoperable communications. The COPS Program has assisted the City in continually improving public safety via the hiring of entry-level police officers and

civilian personnel and the purchasing of equipment to increase time-savings for law enforcement officers and expand community policing.

LAPD currently processes purchase and billing requests related to the COPS grants through the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety. However, since the inception of these grants, the LAPD has developed a more robust grant management unit that is appropriately staffed to handle the daily management of the COPS grants. The transfer of these responsibilities to the LAPD will allow for more efficient administration of COPS grant-related transactions and allow the Mayor's Office to provide more focused programmatic and fiscal oversight of the overall program. With this transfer, the LAPD will also undertake responsibilities that may include, but will not be limited to:

- Requesting modifications and extensions from the grantor;
- Ensuring appropriate procurement procedures and monitoring of contractors;
- Tracking grant expenditures and match documentation;
- Purchasing and making payments to vendors;
- Providing progress reports to the grantor; and
- Providing complete quarterly financial reports to the Mayor's Office for the submission of Financial Status Reports to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), as with all other DOJ grants managed by LAPD.

The management of these funds will further enhance LAPD's ability to expedite purchase requests and payments, while coordinating with other law enforcement activities.

In addition to the transfer of the COPS grant management duties, all contracting authorities approved under each grant will be transferred from the Mayor's Office to the LAPD. Attachment 1 provides details for each grant, including the dollar amounts, account numbers and subcontracts for each award. Moreover, both organizations currently under contract in relation to these grants (Hanover Justice Group, LLC. (Contract Number C-107074) and Police Assessment Resource Center (Contract Number C-109783)) will be notified of the change in City representatives.

Authorization is also requested to approve time extensions for certain COPS grant agreements, as authorized by the DOJ. The grant agreements that have received pre-authorized extensions from the DOJ include:

GRANT NAME	ORIGINAL DATE	EXTENSION DATE
COPS Universal Hiring 2003	8/31/2006	2/29/2008
COPS MORE II 1996	12/31/1997	12/31/2006
COPS MORE III 1998	8/31/1999	7/31/2007
COPS MORE 2002	7/31/2003	12/31/2006
COPS National Executive Session of Gangs	8/30/2005	8/30/2007 (pending)
COPS Interoperable Communications	8/31/2004	2/28/2007

It is **THEREFORE** recommended that the City Council:

1. **AUTHORIZE** the grant management functions for the seven active COPS Program grants of \$60,608,433 to be transferred from the Mayor's Office to the Los Angeles Police Department.
2. **REQUEST** the Controller, beginning on October 2, 2006, to transfer all existing COPS Program funds, Funds 650, 653, and 47J and accounts from Department 46 Mayor's Office to Department 70 Los Angeles Police Department.
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Chief of Police to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.
4. **AUTHORIZE** the transfer of all previous contract authorities from the Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office to the Los Angeles Police Department for Contract No. C-107074 with Hanover Justice Group, LLC and Contract C-109783 with Police Assessment Resource Center.
5. **AUTHORIZE** the time extensions of grant agreements approved by the U.S. Department of Justice for COPS Universal Hiring 2003, COPS MORE II 1996, COPS MORE III 1998, COPS MORE 2002, COPS National Executive Session of Gangs, and COPS Interoperable Communications.

Very truly yours,



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