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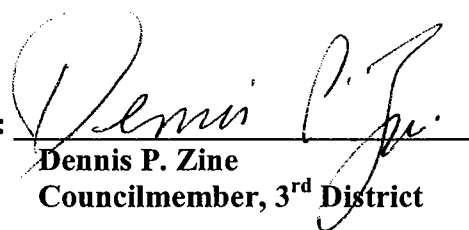
The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) purchased approximately 1,500 laptop computers to be installed in LAPD patrol vehicles as Mobile Data Terminals (MDT). The LAPD contracted with Computer Deductions, Inc. for port replicators, i.e. the equipment used to bolt the MDT to the patrol vehicle console, and the installation was to be performed in-house by the Information Technology Agency (ITA).

It has been reported that installation of the MDTs ceased in late January because the ITA determined that the equipment is too feeble and not conditioned for the usual wear and tear in patrol vehicles. It has taken an inordinate amount of time to install the MDTs and much controversy has surrounded the project.

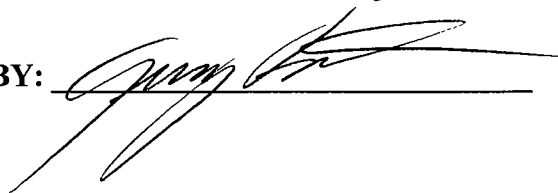
As the LAPD replenishes its patrol vehicles at a rate of about 25% per year, there are approximately 250 new patrol vehicles currently being equipped with police equipment and awaiting port replicators. It is unclear if there is a temporary solution or if these new patrol vehicles are being assigned to officers without the required equipment needed to carry out daily duties.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Los Angeles Police Department, in coordination with the Information Technology Agency, to report to the Public Safety Committee within 30 days regarding the status of the installation of the Mobile Data Terminals.

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