

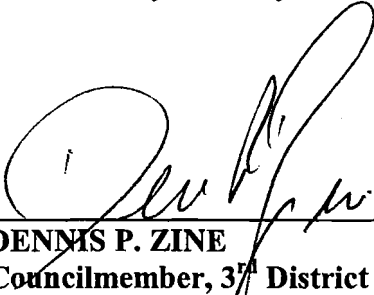
MOTION

In fiscal year 1991/92, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) had 304 Police Officer II+2 motor authorities assigned among the four traffic bureaus. According to a Fixed Post Chart dated July 9, 1992, the LAPD cut 60 motor authorities and was left with 244 Police Officer II+2. The decrease was a result of budget cuts. It is reported that the LAPD currently has 242 Police Officer II+2 motor authorities among the four traffic bureaus. These authorities have been consistent since 1992.

Public safety as well as traffic needs have increased as our population has grown and more vehicles are on the road. Unfortunately, our motor authorities have not kept pace. Motorcycle officers are primarily responsible for commercial vehicle enforcement and related vehicle inspections. However, because of their unique ability to maneuver through traffic, they are often first responders. As traffic fatalities and collisions have increased, so too must the authorization for motor officers.

The Los Angeles 06/07 budget approved by the City Council includes resources to increase the number of police officers in LAPD. While specific deployment remains the responsibility of the Chief of Police, the City Council maintains a fundamental interest in the area of public safety. If the number of motor officers has remained flat for over a decade, a review is warranted.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Los Angeles Police Department to report to the Public Safety Committee in 30 days on Citywide staffing levels and deployment of motor officers.

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