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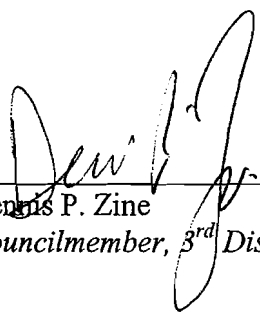
Several private companies provide stolen vehicle recovery services to the residents of Los Angeles. These electronic systems use a variety of technologies including satellite and radio networks. LoJack Corporation, in particular, works directly with the Los Angeles Police Department by installing radio frequency units in customers' vehicles that can later be tracked by police. The manufacturer of the equipment claims a 90 percent success rate in locating stolen vehicles, often within several hours of reporting theft.

Because the LoJack system depends on LAPD personnel to actively search for LoJack-equipped vehicles once they are reported stolen, the corporation installs special antennas on police vehicles free of charge. There are currently 84 LoJack-equipped vehicles in the LAPD fleet. In order to reduce vehicle theft overall and to provide a high level of service to Los Angeles residents who purchase the system, the City should insure that an adequate number of police vehicles are equipped with LoJack units.

The City has historically worked with LoJack Corporation under the terms of a somewhat informal memorandum of understanding. A more formal contract is currently being developed and is expected to be transmitted shortly to the Police Commission, City Council, and Mayor for approval. This contract approval process presents a unique opportunity for the City to thoroughly examine the stolen vehicle recovery services it provides to residents in cooperation with LoJack and other similar private companies.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department be requested to report to the Public Safety Committee on: 1) the status of all current partnerships with private vehicle recovery companies, including satellite- and radio frequency-based systems; 2) the relative effectiveness of each type of vehicle recovery system; and 3) opportunities for improved service with the anticipated LoJack Corporation contract.

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