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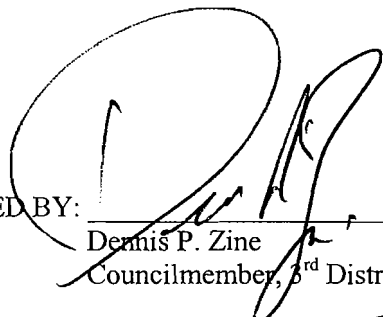
The San Fernando Valley has experienced an alarming increase in gang violence, even in the face of a large scale effort by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and other City agencies to curb gang-related crime. In 2006, violent crime increased by 44 percent in the Valley. Recently released data indicate an additional spike of nearly 15 percent for the first half of 2007, with aggravated assaults making up the primary source of increase.

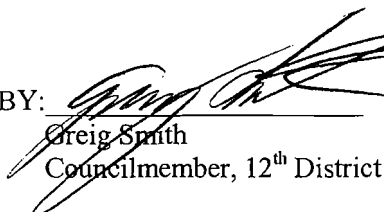
In addition to the serious dangers posed by increased gang violence, the San Fernando Valley continues to face other public safety hazards such as traffic offenses. The Valley is home to the majority of the City's most dangerous streets and intersections in terms of traffic safety, yet recent LAPD staffing changes have resulted in several traffic officers being re-deployed to other duties. These re-deployments have left only 9 motor officers assigned to the Valley.

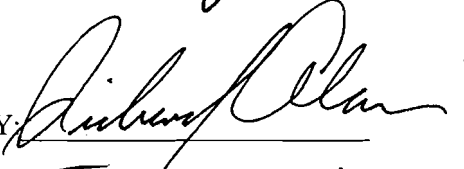

In an effort to meet constantly changing and increasing demands, LAPD has utilized creative staffing methods to maximize the resources of a department that is already stretched thin. Regardless of these personnel intricacies, however, the public has a rightful expectation of a certain level of police presence in their communities. In a time of increased public safety need in the Valley, the City must increase the number of officers in the field.

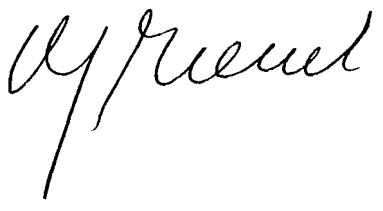
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department be requested to report to the Public Safety Committee within 30 days on its efforts to increase patrols in the San Fernando Valley. The report should include an analysis of actual versus planned deployment levels, any loans of officers to other divisions, recent trends in gang-related crime statistics, and data concerning traffic citations and revenues.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department's daily morning reports to elected officials, which summarize crimes of note that have occurred the day before, be requested to include a comparison of the number of patrol vehicles that were planned to be deployed that day and how many were ultimately deployed.

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