

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) 2023 Annual Equipment Report pursuant to California Assembly Bill 481.

Recommendations for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the January 8, 2024 LAPD report relative to the 2023 Annual Equipment Report pursuant to California Assembly Bill 481, inasmuch as this report is for information only and no Council action is required.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 27, 2024, your Committee considered a January 8, 2024 LAPD report relative to the 2023 Annual Equipment Report pursuant to California Assembly Bill 481. According to the LAPD, in accordance with California Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481), Audit Division (AD) of the LAPD compiled the second annual report on the inventory of items defined by AB 481 as “military equipment.” Government Code Section 7072 requires law enforcement agencies to annually report on the specified equipment.

On September 12, 2023, the Public Safety Committee adopted the 2022 Annual Equipment Report, pursuant to AB 481, and requested supplemental information for each type of vehicle listed in Addenda I with a breakdown of the “Actual 2022 Yearly Cost” of \$200,000 or more. The AB 481 military equipment report was prepared in close consultation with the City Attorney’s Office, and per advice of counsel, the LAPD provided estimated total costs for each item. Some associated costs, such as personnel costs, are difficult to track and ascertain with precision. Additionally, there was some confusion on whether acquisition costs needed to be reported annually or only in the year in which the item was procured. The cost estimates were provided to Audit Division by the divisions and entities directly responsible for the items listed in the report and in gathering information for this supplemental request, it was determined that there were some inconsistencies with how these various entities determined cost amounts for the items.

Moving forward, measures will be instituted to ensure reporting entities breakdown costs specifically by category as contained in this supplemental request. This will ensure no inconsistencies in methodology and will address the supplemental information requested by council. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to note and file the LAPD report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Public Safety Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
LEE:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
PARK:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES

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