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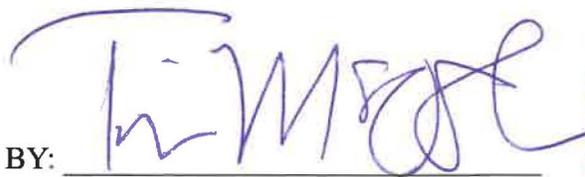
On July 1, 2012, the Office of Public Safety (OPS) merged with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and Security Services Division (SECSO). SECSO is responsible for the safety and security of city buildings, facilities, parks, shops, yards and warehouses, the Los Angeles Civic Center, the Los Angeles Zoo, Public Works Bureau of Sanitation Water Treatment Facilities, and all non-proprietary city facilities, their employees and visitors.

SECSO consists of three major components: the police officer component; the security officer component; and, the contract security guard component. The security officer component is comprised of security officers who are civilian, unarmed, and city employees. These full-time and "as-needed" (part and half-time) unarmed security officers are fixed to post positions at various city facilities and rely on the police component to respond to any issues deemed law enforcement-related.

The Park Gate Closure Program is a special detail under SECSO that opens and closes city parks. It is a preventative measure for community safety, specifically for parks that have regulated closing and opening hours. LAPD has the ability to hire for full-time and part-time staffing for the Park Gate Closure Program. Currently, there are 7 as-needed security officers (both part and half-time) and 2 full-time security officers under the Park Gate Closure Program. To date, the department has 32 full-time security officer vacancies.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Personnel Department and LAPD report back to the Personnel, Audits & Hiring Committee with an overview of the hiring process related to the Park Gate Closure Program under the SECSO. This report should include any barriers to hiring, recommendations to expedite hiring, and potential alternatives to park closure in lieu of deploying security officers.

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