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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of SEIU Local 721, the largest SEIU public sector union in the Country: To the City of Los Angeles Public Safety Committee Re: Agenda Item 10, 22-1014-S1 / CAO & Los Angeles Police Department Security Services Contracting Out May 7, 2025 Honorable Chair & Members of the Public Safety Committee, Our written comments are regarding Item 10 – CAO Report on LAPD Agreements with Six As-Needed Security Contracts. Civilian security personnel employed by the LAPD provide vital public service protecting our community members and city employees 24/7. The outsourcing of these essential public services is unacceptable under any circumstances at any time given the reduced levels of service and responsiveness provided by private contractors compared to city personnel, and under the current circumstances, with the mayor's budget proposing to layoff dozens of civilian LAPD personnel. Year after year, SEIU Local 721 members have continually challenged these LAPD security contracts on the basis of Article 2.10 of our MOU with the City. The department cannot show evidence that these contract services provided more efficient and cost-effective safety services to the public and, most importantly for you as Committee members to understand, is a decade of work we have devoted to creating life changing public service careers for our underserved community members through the Bridge to Jobs agreement with the City. Management always uses the excuse that the civilian hiring process is too slow and cumbersome to fill all allocated positions with permanent civil service employees. The reality is that LAPD has refused to provide the leadership and to take the necessary action to make the program work as designed and intended. Our members are asking the members of this committee to reject LAPD management's request to approve these contract extensions and to work with the Union and the Personnel Department to fulfill this Council's intent of fully staffing Security Services with professional civil service personnel. Thank you for your time.