

RESOLUTION **RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in Southern California, public safety agencies serving over 88 cities use a patchwork of 40 aging radio networks which cannot reliably communicate with one another, causing delays that may imperil lives; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communication System (LA-RICS) Land Mobile Radio (LMR) seeks to address this problem by providing an interoperable communications system to be used by federal, State, and local first responders and law enforcement agencies in the Los Angeles County region; and

WHEREAS, the LA-RICS LMR system would fill a major interoperability communications gap and create a unified network of communications that would allow first responders to communicate within and outside of their respective agencies; and

WHEREAS, unforeseen delays including a system redesign, adverse weather conditions, wildland fires, COVID-19, and contractor performance issues have resulted in a funding shortfall for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has made a \$18.6 million budget request to fund the completion of the LA-RICS LMR system, without which funding, the project will be forced to demobilize by the end of the 2022 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the LMR system project has received an estimated \$160 million in grant funding and has reached about 80 percent completion, it is imperative that the project is adequately funded to its completion; and

WHEREAS, the LA-RICS LMR system would provide a critically needed resource and allow first responders to better communicate, especially during disasters and major events;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Joint Power Authority's request for \$18.6 million to ensure the completion of the Land Mobile Radio system.



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PRESENTED BY: 
MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY: 

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