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Reserve Police Officers volunteering services to the LAPD are currently provided a stipend of \$50.00 per deployment period to defray their costs for transportation, cleaning, repair, replacement of uniforms and equipment. This \$50.00 amount has been in effect since 1995, and has not been increased in 28 years. It is inadequate for covering these costs in today's economy.

It now takes \$99.79 to buy what \$50.00 did in 1995. Further, fuel remains the largest part of the expenses reimbursed by the stipend, as reserve officers drive to and from their assignments. In 1995, the average price for a gallon of gasoline in California was \$1.22. Today the average price for a gallon of gasoline in California is \$4.80. Thus, \$50.00 bought 40 gallons of gasoline in 1995 whereas today \$50.00 buys just over 10 gallons of gasoline.

An increased stipend per deployment period is essential to ensure officers are compensated an amount that is more in line with the actual expenses incurred by reservists. This increase is justified by the value of the LAPD's Reserve Police Officer program as reflected in the hours of volunteer work reserve officers donated to the City.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst and the Personnel Department in consultation with the Police Department and the City Administrative Officer to conduct a study in order to determine an appropriate increase to the reserve officer stipend paid to the Police Department's Level I, II, and III reserve officers per deployment period with the goal to bring the reimbursement in line with the current expenses incurred by volunteer officers for transportation, cleaning, repair and replacement of their uniforms and equipment.

I FURTHER MOVE that the above mentioned departments be instructed to conduct a review of the reserve stipend amount on an annual basis and make adjustments to the stipend amount as necessary.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council request the City Attorney to prepare a draft ordinance amending LAAC Sections 22.228.2(a) and 22.230(a) to reflect the stipend increase as determined by the completion of the above instruction for Level I, II and III reserve officers.

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