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ENGLANDER ENSURES LA-RICS LTE SYSTEM MOVES FORWARD WITH FIRST RESPONDER SUPPORT

LOS ANGELES— Councilmember Mitchell Englander submitted an emergency motion which was unanimously passed by the City Council today to support LA-RICS Corrective Action Plan submitted to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), and authorize the construction of Long-Term Evolution (LTE) systems at Police Department (LAPD) station sites.

“Today was a victory for the men and women of public safety and the residents of the City of Los Angeles region,” said Councilmember Mitchell Englander, Chair of the Public Safety Committee. “The action taken today by the City Council allows Los Angeles to retain over \$100 million in federal grant funding in order to deliver a vital emergency communications technology to our region while creating greater accountability for the LA-RICS Joint Powers Authority (JPA). I want to thank the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL), my colleagues on the City Council and Mayor Garcetti for their support.”

“I want to thank Councilmember Englander for helping find a resolution and ensuring the safety of our residents and officers throughout the City,” said Mayor Eric Garcetti.

“First and foremost, our primary goal is to protect the men and women of the LAPD,” said LAPPL President Craig Lally. “The Los Angeles Police Protective League wants to thank and give our appreciation to Councilmember Englander for working very closely with us to address all of our concerns.”

“We are thankful for the leadership of Councilman Englander, Mayor Garcetti, and the City Council in successfully finding a compromise that will increase our region's interoperability capacity, while still addressing the concerns of our Firefighters and residents,” said Captain Frank Lima, President, United Firefighters of Los Angeles City. “This is an important project for our first responders, but Firefighter input and concerns needed to be addressed. Today, Councilmember Englander ensured that this was the case, while still working to move the system forward.”

See Motion Attached

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