

Agenda Report

DATE:

OCTOBER 7, 2002

TO:

CITY COUNCIL

VIA:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

FROM:

CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT:

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED MOU AUTHORIZING L.A. IMPACT TO TARGET,

INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE INDIVIDUALS WHO ENGAGE IN

TERRORISM

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution adopting an amended and restated MOU authorizing LA IMPACT to target, investigate and prosecute individuals who engage in terrorism.

Background:

The Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force, commonly known as L.A. IMPACT, is a multi-jurisdictional task force that has been in existence for over a decade. It is comprised of officers from local, state and federal agencies, and has been focused on the investigation and prosecution of medium to high-level drug trafficking and/or money laundering enterprises. The Pasadena Police Department has a long and successful history of participation with L.A. IMPACT.

It has been more than ten years since the cities of Los Angeles County authorized participation in L.A. IMPACT and with the emerging issues in criminal and terrorist activity, L.A. IMPACT is amending and restating its MOU to include as part of its mission the targeting, investigation and prosecution of individual who engage in terrorism. This action is being taken in light of recent events and L.A. IMPACT is seeking to expand its area of responsibility. L.A. IMPACT, as a separate and distinct mission, will investigate and prosecute individuals who engage in any activity relating to terrorism or any criminal activity that threatens the public health, safety and welfare of citizens. Implementation of this added enforcement

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initiative will only occur after a majority of cities participating in L.A. IMPACT adopt a resolution recognizing this new enforcement initiative as proposed by L.A. IMPACT.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the adoption of this resolution. The resolution does not require a change in our level of participation.

Respectfully submitted,

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