

# Agenda Report

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 17, 2008

**THROUGH:** PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (NOVEMBER 3, 2008)

**FROM:** CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (LARICS) JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT (JPA)

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable System Authority (LARICS) Joint Powers Authority (JPA).

## **BACKGROUND**

The Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LARICS) Joint Powers Authority (JPA) has been developed in order to implement a wide-area interoperable public safety communications network. It is an outgrowth of the regional interoperable steering committee (RISC) which was formed several years ago to explore the development of a single, shared communications system for all public safety agencies within the Los Angeles County region. The steering committee included the City and County of Los Angeles, along with representatives from several other independent cities.

The LARICS JPA will seek to meet or enhance the current public safety communications needs with a system capable of expanding and integrating with current systems to meet future needs. The vision of LARICS is to create a communications system that will support all 88 cities and its 34,000 first responders (police, fire and health) in Los Angeles County. LARICS is projected go live in 7-10 years.

In order to help shape the future of LARICS it is critical for the City of Pasadena to have a voice and a vote during this developmental phase. In order to accomplish this, the City must be a member of LARICS via the JPA. The formation of this JPA will allow for a system engineering and design plan to be completed followed by the creation of funding plan.

Membership in LARICS is not contrary to being a member of the Interagency Communications Interoperability System (ICIS) that the City of Pasadena recently joined. The ICIS governance board is currently seeking to support LARICS in order to ensure the system are compatible for the future.

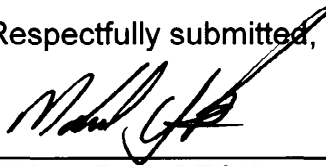
The City and County of Los Angeles have committed the majority of current and future interoperable grant funds to this proposed project. The City of Pasadena's participation in the process and commitment to the project will be dependent on the necessary financial commitment necessary from JPA members. However, all members of the JPA may opt out of the JPA once the cost is determined. Members will have no less than 35 days from adoption of the funding plan to withdrawal from the JPA without penalty.

The LARICS JPA Agreement was crafted by a committee of attorneys from various potential member agencies. Pasadena's City Attorney's Office was active on that committee, approving the form and content of the LARICS JPA. Additionally, the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association and Los Angeles County Fire Chiefs Association support the LARICS project.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

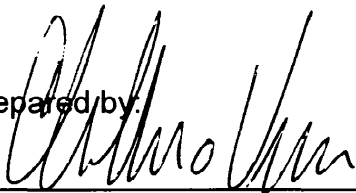
Respectfully submitted,



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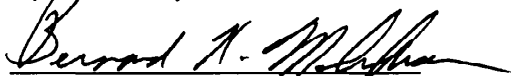
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