

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED #51
MOTION

In the days following Thanksgiving, in 2023, the City of Los Angeles was shaken by a killing spree perpetrated by a serial killer whose victims were unhoused angelenos. The individual is accused of murdering in cold blood, 4 people before the license plate of the vehicle he was driving, a 2024 BMW M440 was entered into an automatic license plate reader (ALPR) system in an effort to identify the suspects whereabouts. The Beverly Hills Police Department was able to identify the suspects vehicle utilizing their ALPR system, and conducted a traffic stop based on the information obtained. This traffic stop resulted in the arrest of an accused serial killer tormenting communities across Los Angeles. Sheriff Robert Luna of the LA County Sheriff's Department stated "If we did not enter that plate into this system, this individual that we believe is responsible for at least four murders may have been out there and re-offended." Chief Michel Moore of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) added, "Had they not had access to those tools, this individual, I am convinced, would still be moving about the city and the region, and killing individuals."

The success of Beverly Hills ALPR system in this case is an example of modern technology playing a crucial role in the safety of our communities and demonstrates that these technologies are beneficial when implemented, by providing law enforcement the necessary tools to ensure the safety our communities desire and deserve.

Council District 12 has seen a 23% increase from 2022 to 2023 in residential burglaries which equates to over 200 additional burglaries from one year to the next. It's critical that the City be responsive to these kinds of fluctuations in crime by looking at additional technologies that can be helpful to law enforcement's efforts to hold criminals accountable for their crimes.

ALPR systems are in use in many large cities across California and the United States, including cities adjacent to the City of Los Angeles. ALPRs work by scanning the plates of passing vehicles and providing that information to law enforcement enabling officers the ability to determine where and when a specific vehicle was spotted, which then enables law enforcement to use that information to track down a missing person, a stolen car, or individuals fleeing a crime in a vehicle.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council adopt the following actions:

1. Transfer / appropriate \$250,000 in the Council District 12 portion of the Neighborhood Service Enhancements line item General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56, to the LAPD Fund No. 100/70, Account No. 006010 (LAPD General Fund Administrative and Office Supply) to be used for the purchase / installation and maintenance of ALPR cameras within Council District 12.

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2. Transfer / appropriate \$250,000 in the Sunshine Canyon Community Amenities Trust Fund No. 699-14 be transferred / appropriated to the LAPD Fund No. 100/70, Account No. 006010 (LAPD General Fund Administrative and Office Supply) to be used for the acquisition / installation and maintenance of ALPR cameras within a five mile radius of Sunshine Canyon landfill in CD12.

3. Instruct the LAPD in consultation with the Department of Transportation and the Bureau of Street Lighting to conduct an assessment of Council District 12 and determine the appropriate locations and methods for installation of ALPR cameras that best assist the LAPD in their crime reduction efforts throughout Council District 12.

4. Authorize LAPD to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections / clarifications / changes may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

PRESENTED BY


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