



CITY OF INGLEWOOD

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



DATE: November 5, 2019
TO: Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Office of the City Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution – Opt In to the LA County Fire District’s Proposed Ballot Measure

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Mayor and Council Members take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt a resolution opting for the City of Inglewood to be included into consideration of the Los Angeles County Fire District’s potential funding measure for fire protection and emergency services; and
- 2) Authorize City Manager to issue a written notice and executed copy of the proposed resolution to the Fire District indicating that the City of Inglewood has determined to allow voters to decide on this important funding measure and therefore authorizes the Fire District to include the City of Inglewood within a 2020 ballot measure to provide additional funding for fire protection and emergency medical services.

BACKGROUND:

As the City of Inglewood contracts for services with the Fire District, the Fire District has inquired if the Inglewood City Council would be desirous in opting into the Fire’s District 2020 ballot measure. If the City Council agrees, Inglewood voters will be allowed to vote on a funding measure that would provide additional funding for fire protection and emergency medical services. Funds raised in each fee-for-service city will be allocated to a zone to ensure that funds will be expended (within the city they are generated) for major fire station repairs/replacement, additional paramedic services, and offsetting costs for equipment, vehicles, dispatching and communications equipment, etc., which would be specified in a resolution by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that places a measure on the March or November 2020 ballot.

DISCUSSION:

Since contracting with the Fire District, the number of total incidents within the City have increased by 40%, with no increase in additional staffing. Analysis of calls shows that data represents a significant increase in medical incidents within Inglewood. If a tax is approved by voters, the City and the Fire District will negotiate to determine appropriate staffing enhancements and Fire Station improvements to mitigate increased incident levels in the City and provide fiscally sustainable Fire and Emergency Services to address the City’s continually evolving service demands.

The Fire District last pursued and secured a revenue measure over 20 years ago with the passage of “Measure E.” This parcel tax is currently levied in all Fire District areas and any fee-for-service cities that opted in as part of that ballot measure process. The costs for Fire and Emergency

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Medical Services in the City have been borne solely by the City's General Fund. \$16,628,412 is allocated for Fire Services in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 annual budget.

The Fire District is currently considering placement of a measure on either the March 3, 2020 Ballot or the November 3, 2020 ballot. To meet established election deadlines, the City must advise the Fire District of their desire to opt in to the ballot measure. The City Council's agreement to opt in to the ballot measure would allow voters to decide whether or not to support additional funding for fire protection and emergency medical services.

FINANCIAL/FUNDING ISSUES AND SOURCES:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendation. Cost for the ballot measure would be borne by the Fire District. However, should the Council "Opt In" for inclusion into a measure, which is subsequently approved by voters, the Fire District estimates Inglewood based revenues ranging from \$3,300,000 to \$4,800,000, dependent upon the potential tax levy formulation selected by the Fire District. These revenues would assist in funding critical Fire and Emergency Medical Services within the City mitigating increases in incident levels and, offsetting increased Fire and Emergency Services costs as negotiated between the City and Fire District.

Subsequently, should the City Council decide not to opt in, and the propose measure passes, the increasing costs for Fire and Emergency Medical Services will not be augmented by the revenues, and will solely be the responsibility of the City to fund.

LEGAL REVIEW VERIFICATION: YD

Administrative staff has verified that the legal documents accompanying this report have been submitted to, reviewed, and approved by the Office of the City Attorney.

BUDGET REVIEW VERIFICATION: YD

Administrative staff has verified that this report in its entirety, has been submitted to, reviewed and approved by the Budget Division.

FINANCE REVIEW VERIFICATION: YD

Administrative staff has verified that this report in its entirety, has been submitted to, reviewed and approved by the Finance Department.

DESCRIPTION OF ANY ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment No. 1 - Resolution

APPROVAL VERIFICATION SHEET

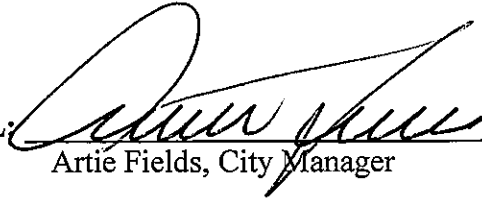
PREPARED BY:

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COUNCIL PRESENTER:

Yakema Decatur Deputy to the City Manager

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:



Artie Fields, City Manager

1 **WHEREAS**, to meet established election deadlines, the City has
2 informed the Fire District of their desire to opt in to the ballot measure
3 scheduled for either the March 2020 or November 2020 Election.

4 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City
5 of Inglewood as follows:

6 **SECTION 1.** That the City Council of the City of Inglewood, State of
7 California, hereby opts for the City of Inglewood to be included into
8 consideration of the Los Angeles County Fire District's potential 2020
9 funding measure for fire protection and emergency services,

10 **SECTION 2.** That the City Council authorizes the City Manager to
11 issue a written notice and executed copy of the proposed resolution to the Fire
12 District indicating that the City of Inglewood has determined to allow voters
13 to decide on this important funding measure and therefore authorizes the
14 Fire District to include the City of Inglewood within a 2020 ballot measure to
15 provide critical funding for fire protection and emergency medical services.

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk shall certify to the passage
17 and adoption of this Resolution; shall cause the same to be entered amongst the
18 original Resolutions of the City of Inglewood; and shall make an official recording
19 of the proceedings to be approved by the City Council and entered into the official
20 minutes book of the City of Inglewood.

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22 **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this _____ day of
23 _____, 2019.

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James T. Butts, Jr., Mayor

25 **ATTEST:**

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28 Yvonne Horton, City Clerk