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Sheriff’s Department Budget Status Reports

Upon adoption, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Budget will approximate \$30 billion, a sizable amount by most standards. If approved as recommended, Los Angeles County’s (County) two largest departmental budgets, Health Services and Sheriff’s, will have gross appropriation of \$6.1 billion and \$3.2 billion respectively. All County departments are required to regularly monitor their budgetary performance and report on their department’s year-to-date expenditures, year-end-cost projections and variances from adopted budget. Given the size of the Health and Sheriff’s Departmental budgets and the fact that they collectively comprise approximately 30% of the total County budget, it is important that the Board more closely monitor them and subject each of them to a greater level of accountability.

Currently, the Department of Health Services provides more extensive and frequent reports on its budget and financial status than those required by all other County departments. In addition, these reports are presented publicly at the regularly scheduled

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meetings of the Board. However, there is no comparable report from the Sheriff's Department. In order to enhance accountability, budget transparency, and more effectively identify and anticipate potential challenges and vulnerabilities the Sheriff's Department should provide periodic financial status reports on the Department's budget and present those to the Board.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Chief Executive Officer and Auditor-Controller, in consultation with the Sheriff's Department, to report to the Board of Supervisors semi-annually in writing and at the Board of Supervisors' meeting with an overview of the financial status of the Sheriff's Department. The reports should include the number of vacancies compared to budgeted positions, actual overtime costs in comparison to the budgeted overtime amounts, estimated costs associated with litigation and legal settlements, funding and resources dedicated to unincorporated areas of the County, and emerging issues with significant fiscal impacts to the Sheriff's budget.

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