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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: State of California - Local Law Enforcement Technology Funding Legislation  
Senate Bill 1753 (SB 1753) Support Letter**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** City-wide

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Law and Legislation Committee review and recommend for City Council approval the attached proposed letter of support for a California State Legislature bill pertaining to law enforcement funding, Senate Bill 1753.

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**FOR MEETING OF** April 25, 2000

**SUMMARY**

This report provides information on a bill now active before the California State Legislature, Senate Bill 1753 (SB 1753). If passed and approved by the Governor, this bill would appropriate annually \$180 million from the State's General Fund to be allocated to district attorneys, sheriffs, and city police chiefs for the purpose of funding technology grants and technology related acquisitions.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION**

The Law and Legislation Committee has reviewed this legislation and unanimously approved forwarding the recommendation to support this measure to the full City Council.

**BACKGROUND**

Existing law established in each county treasury a Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund. For fiscal years 1998-99 and 1999-2000, \$100 million is annually appropriated for allocation to counties and other entities for specified law enforcement purposes.

SB 1753 would appropriate annually \$180 million from the State's General Fund to fund technology grants and technology related acquisitions to enhance public safety. If approved, this measure would provide annually provide \$150,000 to each district attorney, county sheriff and city police chief. The balance of any funds would be allocated per capita to these entities.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

SB 1753 would appropriate annually \$180 million from the State's General Fund to fund technology grants and technology related acquisitions to enhance public safety. In accordance with this legislation, the Sacramento Police Department would annually receive \$150,000 for technology. Additional funding may be available based on the balance of the appropriation.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

Support of this legislation is consistent with the City's efforts to identify and secure alternative funding for services as appropriate. Further, its supports the Department's efforts to utilize new and innovative technologies to prevent and solve crimes.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The actions recommended in this report are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to CEQA guidelines Section 15378(3)(b)(1).

**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS**

None. No goods or services are being purchased.

Respectfully submitted,



ARTURO VENEGAS, JR.  
Chief of Police

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager

Attachments  
Draft letter of Support  
SB 1753

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Date

The Honorable Jim Brulte  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol #5097  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Brulte:

**SUBJECT: Senate Bill 1753**

On behalf of the City of Sacramento, it is my pleasure to offer this letter of support Senate Bill 1753 which would appropriate annually \$180 million from the State's General Fund to fund technology grants and technology related acquisitions to enhance public safety.

As criminals become more sophisticated, it is imperative that local law enforcement agencies face the challenge of rapidly advancing technology. This funding would allow our Sacramento Police Department research and employ new and innovative technologies. Further, this would provide us with additional resources to better serve our community.

Thank you for sponsoring this significant public safety legislation.

Sincerely

Introduced by Senator Brulte

February 23, 2000

An act relating to public safety, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1753, as introduced, Brulte. Local law enforcement funding.

Existing law establishes in each county treasury a Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF), sets forth provisions governing the administration of these funds, and declares the intent of the Legislature to appropriate at least \$100,000,000 in the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 fiscal years for allocation to counties and other entities for specified law enforcement purposes.

This bill would appropriate \$180,000,000 from the General Fund to the Controller to be allocated to district attorneys, county sheriffs, and city police chiefs for the purpose of funding technology grants and technology-related acquisitions to enhance public safety.

Vote: <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. The sum of one hundred eighty million  
2 dollars (\$180,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the  
3 General Fund to the Controller for the purpose of

- 1 funding technology grants and technology-related  
2 acquisitions to enhance public safety as follows:
- 3 (a) One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to  
4 each district attorney.
  - 5 (b) One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to  
6 each county sheriff, including the Sheriff of the City and  
7 County of San Francisco.
  - 8 (c) One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to  
9 each city police chief, including the Chief of Police of the  
10 City and County of San Francisco.
  - 11 (d) The balance of any remaining funds shall be  
12 allocated per capita pursuant to subdivisions (a), (b), and  
13 (c) in accordance with the most recent estimates  
14 established by the Department of Finance for local law  
15 enforcement funding.

