



# *CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT*

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**MEETING DATE:** June 21, 2004

**ITEM NUMBER:** Item Number

**SUBJECT:** APPOINTMENT OF THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT (LLEBG) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**DATE:** JUNE 9, 2004

**FROM:** POLICE DEPARTMENT - TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION

**PRESENTATION BY:** SCHERALEE FORD - TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION COMMANDER

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the appointment of new members to the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Committee.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Costa Mesa has participated in the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) program since 1996. One of the conditions of the grant is that a Citizens Advisory Committee be assembled to review proposals and make recommendations to the City Council with regard to the expenditure of LLEBG funds.

Pursuant to federal regulations, the composition of the committee must contain a least one member from each of the following categories:

- Local law enforcement agency
- Local prosecutor's office
- Local court system
- Local school system
- Local nonprofit (educational, religious, or community group) active in crime prevention or drug use prevention or treatment

On October 20, 2003, police department staff presented to the City Council the FY 03-04 LLEBG grant proposal and requested that the City Council accept the 2003 LLEBG grant award in the amount of \$56,707 and to accept the recommendations of the seated LLEBG Advisory Committee to purchase digital recorders for field personnel.

The City Council approved the request, but asked that the police department seek new advisory committee members for the FY 04-05 Local Law Enforcement Grant period since the majority of the committee members had been seated since 1996.

## **ANALYSIS:**

Following the direction of the City Council to form a new advisory committee commencing FY 04-05, the police department is recommending that the following individuals be appointed to serve on the LLEBG Advisory Committee to meet the mandates of the grant application process. These individuals were selected in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the LLEBG grant instructions.

- Lieutenant Craig Frizzell (Newport Beach PD) representing the local law enforcement agency component
- Orange County Deputy District Attorney Mike Fell representing the local prosecutor's office
- Judge Susanne Shaw from the Harbor Justice Center representing the local court system
- Jane Garland (Newport Mesa Unified School District) representing the local school system component
- Leda Albright from Families of Costa Mesa representing the local nonprofit component

The committee's role in the LLEBG process is advisory only.

## **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

The City Council may elect to reject the recommended composition of the police department's advisory committee members and may appoint other new members to the committee. However, if this option is chosen the window for the grant application process is limited and Council will need to make any new committee decisions within the time frame of the LLEBG grant process. The LLEBG grant application process commences June 28 and concludes July 23, 2004. Once the Federal Bureau of Justice accepts the LLEBG grant application, agencies generally have 90 days to present the grant expenditure proposals, and advisory committee recommendations to City Council for final approval.

## **FISCAL REVIEW:**

There is no fiscal review needed for this item.

## **LEGAL REVIEW:**

There is no legal review needed for this item.

**CONCLUSION:**

Following the direction of the City Council that the police department form a new LLEBG Advisory Committee for the FY 04-05 LLEBG process, the police department seeks approval of the above listed recommended committee members to meet City Council's request and to meet the federal mandates of the LLEBG grant guidelines.

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