




AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

CITY OF HAWTHORNE

City Council

AGENDA BILL

For the meeting of September 24, 2024
Originating Department: Community Services

City Manager: 
Vontray Norris

SUBJECT:

Fire Services Agreement with the Consolidation Fire Protection District of Los Angeles

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff Recommends that the City Council receive and file

DISCUSSION:

The City Manager will expend up to \$20,000 as Hawthorne's pro rata share of a consultant study to determine the feasibility of forming a South Bay Fire Services District. This will be done in collaboration with other prospective cities from the South Bay Region.

The City of Hawthorne, like many cities in the region, has seen a steady increase in the cost of fire protection services provided through its contract with the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The growing financial burden has prompted discussions about the possibility of alternative solutions, including the formation of a regional fire services district. A regional district could potentially provide greater control over costs, improved service delivery, and long-term sustainability for fire services.

In the absence of an agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Los Angeles County Fire regarding controlling costs, it is proposed that the City explore the feasibility of establishing a South Bay Fire Services District. This effort will be done in conjunction with other South Bay cities that share similar concerns regarding the escalating costs of fire services. The collaborative study will assess the legal, financial, and operational aspects of forming a joint district and determine whether this option could provide significant benefits in terms of cost savings and service delivery.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN:

1.1 Make ED part of every City decision. Will include alignment of Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to ED goals and identify goals and objectives of this plan on CC agenda items.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed expenditure of \$20,000 represents the City of Hawthorne's pro rata share of the total cost for the consultant study. The funds would come from the General Fund and would be used to cover the city's portion of the overall cost, alongside contributions from other participating South Bay cities.

NOTICING PROCEDURES:

72 hours posted notice pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. None