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## MOTION

The operation of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS'S), also known as Drones, have been increasing greatly within the City of Los Angeles. These UAS'S are either gas or electric driven and controlled by a signal sending device that is in the possession of the operator.

It must be understood that UAS's are susceptible to the same conditions and could encounter the same problems that any aircraft, flying over the City of Los Angeles, would experience. Since the size of the Drone is usually small and used as a recreational tool, the UAS currently can be flown anywhere in the city at a relatively low altitude. Because of its size, its ability to fly low and its low noise signature, the Drone can be flown in areas and virtually be undetected by citizens on the ground.

The operator also has ability of controlling the aircraft and losing visual contact with the aircraft which would put the safety of the public and property at risk. At this time, the owner and operator of a UAS has the opportunity to launch and land the aircraft at any time in the city. As per LAMC 63.44, entitled "Regulations Affecting Park and Recreation Areas" there are specific locations a UAS cannot be operated.

In order to endure of the safety of residents and visitors in the City of Los Angeles, it is imperative to restrict the operation of Drones to definite and fixed locations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that LAPD, the CAO and the CLA be instructed to provide recommendations on how to strictly enforce the restriction of operation of UAS's to "designated areas" or "remote controlled airfields" within the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY



TOM LABONGE  
Councilmember, 4<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY



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October 29, 2014

To All Interested Parties:

**City Attorney (w/blue sheet)**

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. 14-1198, at its meeting held October 28, 2014.

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to restricting the operation of Unmanned Aerial Systems (drones) to designated areas or remote controlled airfields within the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (LaBonge – Englander):

REQUEST that the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Board of Police Commissioners, the City Attorney, the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) report to the Public Safety Committee with policy guidelines for the operation of drones within the City of Los Angeles and recommendations on how to strictly enforce the operation of drones to designated areas or remote controlled airfields.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On August 29, 2014, Council considered Motion (LaBonge – Englander) relative to restricting the operation of drones within the City of Los Angeles. Motion states that the operation of drones has increased greatly within the City of Los Angeles. The operator of a drone has the opportunity to launch and land the aircraft at any time in the City. It is possible, however, for the operator to lose visual contact with the aircraft which would put the safety of the public and property at risk. In order to ensure the safety of residents and visitors in the City of Los Angeles, Motion movers believe that it is imperative to restrict the operation of drones to definite and fixed locations. Council referred Motion to the Public Safety Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held October 1, 2014, the Public Safety Committee discussed this matter with representatives of the Council Office for the Fourth District and LAPD. Committee recommended that Council approve Motion's recommendation, as amended to include the City Attorney and the Board of Police Commissioners in the formation of policy guidelines and the preparation of the requested report.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES

**ADOPTED**

OCT 28 2014

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

FORTHWITH

MARTINEZ: ABSENT

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