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From: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.H.W.*
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: Federal Asset Forfeiture Program

We have learned that as part of the federal appropriations bills passed last week, Congress rescinded more than \$1.2 billion from the Department of Justice's Federal Asset Forfeiture Fund (AFF). In response to that budget action, the DOJ suspended payments from the Fund to keep the fund viable and functioning in order to resume normal payments when the financial picture of the fund improves. DOJ has stated that this is a "temporary deferral" of the equitable sharing payments and not a "shutting down" as was reported in several media outlets over the past week. The LBPD and Financial Management will be actively monitoring this situation, as our Police Department has averaged about \$770,000 in revenue per year over the past three years. We have used these funds in the past to support our Police Department, including funding items such as crime mapping software, less lethal equipment for our officers, bulletproof vests, support for the East Side Police Station, and other equipment. If you have questions, please contact Tom Modica, Assistant City Manager, at (562) 570-5091.

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