



# MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

DATE: November 18, 1996

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: RAE JAMES

- The Los Angeles City Council Committee on Public Safety today, voted on a 3-0 vote (Chick, Feuer and Holden) to oppose the merger of the MTA Transit Police/LAPD/LASD. The City Council will hear the item at its Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 26th or Wednesday, November 27th of next week.

In the form a motion (Chick, Holden, seconded) Councilwoman Laura Chick stated "was not convinced that a merger is in the best interest for the City and for the LAPD at this time." The Councilwoman also recommended the following: "the LAPD immediately discontinue its discussions with the MTA and Sheriff's Departments regarding the contractual merger; and that the LAPD report to the Committee on the policy issue of 'one city, one police department' so that the Council can do the important and necessary step of adopting a clear policy direction under which the LAPD can proceed." In addition, Councilwoman Chick recommended that the Committee adopt a written list of other key issues which must be addressed by the City and the LAPD before any further contract merger talks can resume with the MTA."

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