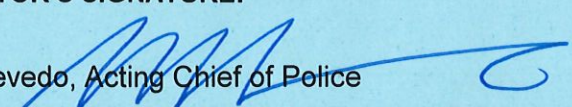


**TO: Mayor via City Secretary****REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

<b>SUBJECT:</b> Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Appropriation of \$711,000 out of the Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund (Fund 1800) for the purchase of Body Armor Vests for the Houston Police Department.		<b>Page</b> 1 of 1	<b>Agenda Item #</b>
<b>FROM: (Department or other point of origin):</b> Houston Police Department	<b>Origination Date:</b> September 5, 2017	<b>Agenda Date:</b>	
<b>DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b>  Art Acevedo, Acting Chief of Police	<b>Council District affected:</b> All		
<b>For additional information contact:</b> Frank Rodriguez, Police Administrator 713-308-1717 Clifton Journet III, Executive Staff Analyst 713-308-1779		<b>Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action:</b>	
<b>RECOMMENDATION: (Summary)</b> Approve an ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$711,000 out of the FY2018 Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund (Fund 1800) for the purchase of body armor vests, accessories and supplies for the Houston Police Department.			
<b>Amount and Source of Funding:</b> \$711,000 -Equipment Acquisition Consolidated (Fund 1800)			
<b><u>SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:</u></b> <p>The Chief of Police for the Houston Police Department recommends that City Council approve an ordinance to appropriate \$711,000 from the FY2018 Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund (Fund 1800). This appropriation is budgeted in the FY2018 Capital Improvement Plan Budget approved by City Council. These funds will support the purchase of body armor vests, accessories and supplies for police officers.</p> <p>This equipment, combined with HPD's mandatory wear policy, will have a direct safety impact to police officers who experience blunt force trauma from vehicle accidents, gunshots, or knife attacks. New body armor vests generally have an average lifespan of five years, with a manufacturer warranty for the same period. A body armor vest that has been shot, stabbed, or submerged no longer provides a safety benefit to the police officer and requires replacement.</p> <p>HPD will purchase body armor vests through the City's contracts with LoneStar Uniforms and Safariland, LLC, and follow all procurement policies and procedures.</p> <b><u>FISCAL NOTE:</u></b> There is no estimated impact to the operating budget as a result of this CIP project.			
<b>REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION</b>			
<b>Finance:</b>	<b>Other Authorization</b>	<b>Other Authorization</b>	