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## City Hall to hire own surf camp, continue monitoring noise at SMO

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

**BY MELODY HANATANI**  
 Daily Press Staff Writer

**CITY HALL** The shrinking surf camp universe in Santa Monica is getting even smaller.

More than a year after City Hall instituted a new permitting system to regulate surfing instruction, dramatically decreasing the presence of camps on the beach, the number of licensed companies is slated to go down by half.

The City Council tonight is expected to grant City Hall's lone camp contract to Surf Academy, which along with Perfect Day Surf Camp — the permit recipient for independent companies — will be the only two operators this summer.

The \$260,000 contract with Surf Academy, which will make it the official city provider, is part of a \$2.1 million spending package the council is scheduled to approve at the meeting.

Aiming to alleviate overcrowding and rid the beach of a circus-like atmosphere, City Hall last summer awarded four surf camps — two city contractors and two independent providers — a permit to operate on the north and south sides of the Santa Monica Pier.

While the new system generally received good marks from camps and beach patrons, City Hall decided to further decrease the number of permits to one city contractor and one independent provider in order to better manage the situation on the south side of the beach.

"We had to reduce it because they were so close to each other and it was very difficult to manage," Callie Hurd, the open space manager for City Hall, said. "The lifeguards were

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**TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT:** A private jet fly's overhead on its way to the Santa Monica Airport on Monday afternoon. The City Council is expected tonight to spend \$242,261 to maintain a noise monitoring system at SMO.



## Detectives release sketch of gunman

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

**PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY** Detectives released a composite sketch Monday of the man suspected of opening fire at three women north of Montana avenue, wounding two of them.

The women were standing behind an apartment building Friday night on San Vicente Boulevard near Palisades Park when they were approached by a gunman in a black-hooded sweatshirt. He fired several shots at them and fled on foot.

Two doctors were in the area and rushed to the aid of two of the wounded and cared for them until paramedics arrived and took them to area hospitals. The injuries were described as non-life threatening.

Investigators described an "unknown" gunman in his mid 20s, 5-feet, 7-inches to 6 feet tall, and approximately 180 pounds. Later, police said their preliminary investigation indicated the victims may have been specifically targeted as a result of "previous incidents in which they were involved."

Lt. Daniel Salerno said they would not discuss those incidents because of the ongoing investigation.

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to call the SMPD detectives at (310) 458-8451 or the watch commander at (310) 458-8427 (24 hours). Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may call the SMPD Tip Line at (310) 458-8449.

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