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### **Councilmember Huizar Supports L.A. City Housing for Police and Fire**

*Council member offers legislation for mixed income housing ordinance to include affordable options for LAPD and LAFD members - Also asks for update on one-year report Huizar asked for when the City adopted its Density Bonus Program*

LOS ANGELES (**April 29, 2009**) - With roughly 80 percent of police officers and 75 percent of firefighters living outside of City limits, Councilmember José Huizar introduced legislation Tuesday asking that affordable housing options for our most critical emergency workers be part of any mixed-income housing ordinance.

Besides the obvious quality of life benefits for emergency personnel living in the same City that they work in, emergency preparedness and response capabilities could be enhanced by having a larger percentage of police and firefighters living in the City.

"Our emergency personnel should be able to afford to live in the City where they work," said Councilmember José Huizar. "And there is no doubt that in a major emergency, all Angelenos would benefit greatly from having a higher percentage of police officers and firefighters living next door to them."

The City will soon begin deliberations around the creation of a mixed-income housing ordinance. As part of that discussion, options such as allowing residential developers to build affordable units offsite or pay a fee in lieu of building the actual units, will be discussed. Councilmember Huizar would like the City to also consider allowing developers to build off-site moderate-income ownership units reserved for police officers and firefighters or use the in-lieu fees to support housing for emergency personnel.

On Tuesday, Councilmember Huizar also asked the City Attorney to perform an analysis of the recent ruling by a Los Angeles Superior Court judge that struck down portions of the City's Density Bonus Program. The Council passed this ordinance, which was required by the State, a little more than a year ago.

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At that time, Councilmember Huizar introduced an amendment to the ordinance, requesting that the Planning Department report back in a year with information identifying development projects that had taken advantage of the new law and how various changes the Council has made impacted the program.

Finally, Tuesday's motion asks staff to attempt to determine how the recent court decision might impact the Mayor's new priority of passing a mixed-income housing ordinance in the next few months and whether the Council needs to revisit the interrelated Density Bonus Program at the same time it considers this new proposal.

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