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# LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FILE NO. 21-002

FROM:  Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES ACTIVITY REPORT

FINAL ACTION: ☐ Approved  
☐ Denied

☐ Approved w/Corrections  
☐ Received & Filed

☐ Withdrawn  
☐ Other

## SUMMARY

Attached for review by the Board of Fire Commissioners is the City Council and Committees Activity Report, for the period of December 7, 2020 through January 11, 2021, from the Office of the Chief of Staff.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:  
Receive and file the attached report.

The Board report was prepared by Deputy Chief Graham Everett, Chief of Staff.

Attachment

# Council / Committee Activity Report



COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT BFC 21-002 December 7, 2020, through January 11, 2021

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	FILE NO.	Date	SUBJECT	REPRESENTATIVE	STATUS	ACTIVE WITH CITY ATTORNEY
Public Safety Committee	19-0283	04/10/19	(Buscalino/Rodriguez) Direct the LAFD to report on the behavioral health resources, including awareness, prevention, intervention, and post-crisis strategies, provided to firefighters and other LAFD first-responders.	Cessor	Committee continued the item - waiting for UCLA study to be completed. LAFD requested to return to report findings. PAW approved on consent on 04/02.	
City Council	16-1433-S1	04/17/19	(Martinez/Buscalino, Dawson/Wesson) Utilization of Special Event Spaces on City Owned warehouses and hangars/ safety requirements/review system.	Hani Malki/Crowley	Council approved.	Instructed City Attorney/CLA to make recommendations to change city municipal code and
City Council	19-0613	09/03/19	(Martinez-Rodriguez) FD & CAO report on a source for funding and the steps necessary to provide \$50,000 to the Women's Fire Alliance (WFA) so that the WFA can retain a consultant to assess the needs of female firefighters in the LA region.		Council approved - Instructs CAO/LAFD to report on funding sources for the WFA.	
Public Safety Committee	11-0930-S2	10/23/19	(Bonin) NotifyLA/EMD Emergency Mass Notification System Failure. Instruct the LAFD, LAPD, EMD to prepare "after action" report on the Mandeville Canyon evacuation drill, soliciting public and agency feedback, and reporting to the City Council, Brentwood Community Council, and relevant neighborhood organizations on strengths and vulnerabilities learned from the drill, problems encountered during the drill, and recommended steps for corrective action.	Hogan	Committee continued the item to a later date.	
Energy, Climate Change, & Environmental Justice Committee	19-1124	10/30/19	(Bonin) Instruct City Planning, LAFD, DBS, & Petroleum Administrator to investigate & report on the oil, natural gas, & gas storage field operations. The investigation should include a thorough site review for all equipment and wells onsite and to ensure all complies with state and local regulations.	Royce Long	City Planning transmitted report 10/29/20. Waiting to be agendized in Committee.	
Public Safety Committee & Planning and Land Use Management Committee	19-0603	12/03/19	(Blumenfield) City Building Code Fire District 1 Expansion/Cal Department of Forestry/Fire Protection Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone/City High Wind Velocity Zone/ Ordinance	Hayden	PLUM Committee instructed LAFD, DBS, City Planning, & City Attorney to draft an ordinance and report back to committee with a draft in 60 days. Public Safety Committee date, TBD.	
Public Safety Committee	19-1467	02/12/20	(Rodriguez) Instruct PD, FD, EMD to report on existing processes for providing emergency notifications and alerts in other languages and on ways the City's ability to provide emergency notice to residents who don't speak English, both via personal notice and existing systems such as NotifyLA.	Calvillo	City Council approved Committee recommendations to direct the Departments to draft a report to be heard back in Public Safety Committee.	
City Council	15-1380-S12	02/26/20	(Lee) Aliso Canyon Underground Storage facility. LAFD to report back on the feasibility of conducting an annual briefing with SoCalGas on operations and safety and on the feasibility of working with SoCalGas on conducting joint annual fire drills and other safety trainings.	T. Richmond	Report transmitted, 02/07. Waiting for Energy, Climate Change, & Environmental Justice Committee to agendize the item, TBD.	

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City Council	18-1120	03/06/20	(Bonin- Koretz-O'Farrell-Ryu) Request the LAFD and the CLA to assemble and lead a Wildland-Urban Interface Hazard Mitigation Task Force (Task Force), consisting of representatives from the Police Department, Emergency Management Department, Department of Transportation, Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Animal Services, Information Technology Agency, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Department of Building & Safety, Department of City Planning, Department of Water & Power, and any other internal and external partners deemed necessary, to discuss the issues described in the above-mentioned text, along with any related matters.	Poirier/Everett	City Council approved both committees recommendations to receive and file the transmittal. Council Instructed CLA, FD, & Mayor's office to report in 60 days regarding Task Force work and directed the FD to report with recommendations to enhance coordination between departments, increase resiliency, and strengthen the City's response to wildfires in the Wildlife Urban Interface. Scheduled for Council approval on 03/06/20.	
Ad Hoc COVID-19 Recovery & Neighborhood Investment Committee	20-0733	06/24/20	(Ryu) Instruct CLA, EMD, FD and other depts. to report on current stock of PPE, acquisition & distribution of PPE, current status of City's COVID testing, plans to respond to a potential resurgence of COVID-19, contact tracing efforts, how current testing protects communities, and provide information, differences, and efficacy and use of PCR and Serological tests.		Council approved. Instructs CLA to draft report.	
City Council	20-0146	09/29/20	(Bonin/Koretz/Blumenfield) City Attorney, LAFD, DBS draft an ordinance to require the retrofit of all previously exempt non-sprinklered residential high-rises to conform to current fire code requirements. And LAFD with City Attorney and DBS recommend additional actions outlined in the Fire Commission's report to be required by the City that would require changes to the city laws and regulations. And the CLA and CAO report back on the feasibility of utilizing federal HUD or FHA loans, state or local funds and financial tools to assist building owners in the cost of these upgrades.	Crowley/Saunders	Council approved. Instructed departments to report back to PS Committee within 60 days.	
City Council	20-1178	10/14/20	(Wesson-Martinez-Harris-Dawson-Blumenfield-Price-O'Farrell) the CLA, FD, & PD report on the pending agreement between the LAFD and the LA County Department of Mental Health (DMH) for the Therapeutic Vans Pilot Program, and the pending agreement between the LAFD, LAPD, and Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services for a Mental Health Services Pilot Program.	Eckstein	Council approved motion instructing CLA/FD to draft report to be heard in Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform.	
Planning & Land Use Management Committee	20-1170	10/29/20	(Ryu) Instruct Planning Dept, DBS, & City Attorney to prepare an Interim Control Ordinance to suspend all ongoing construction which is not necessary for provision of utilities or water supply and prohibit the issuance of demolition, building, grading, hauling, and any other permits for properties located inclusively with the hillsides or VHFHSZ until Nov 30 where the properties are located on streets with a single point of egress and ingress, streets serving as collector streets for multiple streets with single points of ingress and egress, substandard streets, and any property inside the Hillside and VHFHSZ with an average LAFD emergency response time of 7 mins or more.		Committee approved as amended. Heads to Council, date, TBD.	
Public Safety Committee	19-0044		(Blumenfield) EMD, LAFD, & LAPD have a role with the assistance of any other City Departments that would have role in emergency evacuations, create and implement a coordinated emergency preparedness training program and drill for relevant City employees focused on emergency evacuation of vulnerable populations during a disaster.	Richmond/Wordin	Committee date, TBD.	
Rules, Elections, & Intergovernmental Relations Committee	19-0414		(Smith/Rodriguez-Krekorian, Buscaino) Fire facilities Bond Measure/ LAFD/Fire Station upgrades.		Committee date, TBD.	

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Public Safety Committee	19-0564		(Wesson) Fire Department to report on steps needed to require perspective Regulation 4 testers & inspectors to have a current State Fire Marshal Automated Extinguishing System certificate.	Gatewood	Committee date, TBD.	
Housing Committee	19-0723		(Price) Instruct DBS, FD, PD, DWP, City Attorney to report on how we can better coordinate efforts to expedite the shutdown of nuisance properties that are being used for housing purposes.	Hayden	Committee, date, TBD.	
Public Safety Committee	19-0859		(Ryu) Instruct DOT, LAFD, LAPD report on the existing policy framework that governs aviation in LA airspace and report on recommended regulatory framework to ensure public safety for the city of LA.	Combs/Fields	Committee date, TBD.	
Public Safety Committee	20-0621		(Rodriguez) FD, PD, City Attorney, DBS analyze the City's current investigative and enforcement practices as it pertains to the storage, use, and sale of combustible chemicals, and provide recommendations to enhance public safety and prevent volatile chemical explosions and fires in the City. Also, instruct LAFD to provide an AAR following the conclusion of the Boyd Street incident.	Richmond/Crowley/Rose	Committee date, TBD	
Budget & Finance Committee	20-0684		(Blumenfield) Four resolution authority positions in the LAFD for illegal cannabis enforcement, consisting of two Inspector II's and two Fire Inspector I's which were deleted in the Mayor's 2020-2021 Proposed Budget, be restored without funding.	Crowley	Committee date, TBD	
Ad Hoc Police Reform Committee	20-0874		(Blumenfield) Instruct the LAFD and the CAO to present a plan to expand the Advanced Provider Response Units from four to 11, in order to cover more areas of the City and to respond to non-violent, non-criminal calls that would previously be responded to by PD. Also, instruct the LAFD and CAO, the County Mental Health, LAHSA and any other City or County Departments to report on the resources needed to integrate mental health and social work professionals into the LAFD's APRUs, to respond to a greater volume and type of non-violent and non-criminal calls.		Committee date, TBD	
Public Safety Committee	20-1312		(Rodriguez) FD report with detail regarding CalTrans parcels located in the City's VHFHSZ, the number of brush clearance violations, and delinquent cases with CalTrans in the last 3 years, and any outstanding costs to the City. FD to report on the number of fires responded to on CalTrans property in the last 3 years.	Hayden	Committee date, TBD.	
Energy, Climate Change, & Environmental Justice Committee	20-1225		(Koretz) LAs Green New Deal / Healthy Soil Strategy / Urban Agriculture / Carbon Sequestration / Water Capture / Composting and Mulching Operations / Development. Instruct FD to report back on best practices to protect soil health during necessary brush clearance activities.	Crowley	Committee date, TBD.	
Health, Education, Neighborhoods, Parks, Arts & River Committee	20-1467		(Blumenfield) Instruct Public Works, PD, FD, City Attorney, and FilmLA to report on the current penalties and fines for unpermitted filming, as well as recommended adjustments to them to appropriately disincentive unpermitted filming in the City.	Crowley	Committee date, TBD.	
Budget & Finance Committee	20-1478		(Rodriguez) CLA directed to report on Prop 18's projections to generate increased revenues for City Fire Services and on the steps necessary to ensure the City receives its share of any additional tax revenue resulting from the passage of this measure. Instruct the FD to report on available funding sources to expand fire facilities and resources, including a plan to expand staffing and facilities in Sylmar and restore the engine company at FS 74, projected need of any additional drill tower classes, and prioritize the restoration and expansion of fire resources in similar fire prone and disenfranchised communities across the City.		Committee date, TBD.	

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Public Safety Committee	12-0122		(Krekorian) Instruct the FD to report on the details of implementing a False fire Alarm program that includes full cost recovery of sworn responses and required staff resources for successful program administration.	Fields	Committee date, TBD.	