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LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 22-097

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM:  Kristin M. Crowley, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES ACTIVITY REPORT

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

SUMMARY

Attached for review by the Board of Fire Commissioners is the City Council and Committees Activity Report, for the period of September 24, 2022, through October 5, 2022, 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 22-097, September 24, 2022, through October 5, 2022

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	FILE NO.	Date	SUBJECT	REPRESENTATIVE	STATUS	ACTIVE WITH CITY ATTORNEY
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. FILE EXPIRES: 10/29/22	
City Council	19-1124	01/12/21	(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	Council referred the item to the Energy, Climate Change, & Environmental Justice Committee, date, TBD. FILE EXPIRES: 10/29/22	
Public Safety Committee	12-0122	02/03/21	(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	Item was continued.	
City Council	20-1312	03/03/21	(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.	Saunders	Council approved with recommendations, instructing the FD & City Attorney to work out an MOU with Cal-Trans.	
City Council	21-0318	05/05/21	(MRodriguez) Instruct the FD and PD with the assistance of the City Attorney, be directed to report on the establishment of a "fireworks buy back program" modeled after the City's gun buyback programs.	Nelson	Council adopted, instructing departments to report to Committee.	
City Council	21-0158	05/06/21	(Buscaino) Instruct DBS, Bureau of Engineering, Planning Department, and Fire Department to provide a presentation update to the Council on its BuildLA Program, which provides land use and development customers a one-stop virtual platform for development services by providing real time information such as project status and timelines, that also includes a discussion on the work program for this year, and additional benchmarks for its continued rollout and program evaluation.	Hani Malki	Council adopted.	
Public Safety Committee	19-0603	06/02/21	(Blumenfeld) 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. AMENDING MOTION (MRod): To include all areas within the City covered by the Cal Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's VHSZ and the City's High Wind Velocity Zone, including high density population centers. (Bonin) Instruct FD & DBS & City Planning to include in the report an analysis of the viability of heavy/mass timber and light wood frame, and to explore options to allow Type IV construction. Departments will have 30 days to report to PS Committee.	Crowley	PSC approved with recommendations. Heads to PLUM Committee.	

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	FILE NO.	Date	SUBJECT	REPRESENTATIVE	STATUS	ACTIVE WITH CITY ATTORNEY
City Council	20-1225	06/16/21	(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	Council approved, directing Departments to report back.	
City Council	21-0531	07/07/21	(Mark Ridley-Thomas) FD & PD work with ITA and City Attorney to report on the County of San Bernardino's model of tracking and responding to fireworks complaints received through a mobile application, and on the feasibility of implementing a similar program in the City of LA.	Nelson	Council approved directs Departments to draft a report back to PS Committee.	
Public Safety Committee	20-0146	08/04/21	(Bonin/Koretz/Blumenfeld) 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.	Saunders	PSC approved item with recommendations and will keep the item in Committee and have departments report back in 60 days.	
City Council	21-0949	11/12/21	(Krekorian) Instruct the LAFD to report on its readiness to deal with a multiyear drought event and related implications for wildfire risk in Los Angeles communities. Additionally, the LAFD should report on best practices and citizens' responsibility to mitigate wildfire risk on private property.		City Council approved. Instructs FD to report back to PSC, date, TBD.	
City Council	21-0861	11/15/21	(Koretz) Instruct DBS, Engineering, & FD to prepare a report w/ recommendations relative to the existing inspection protocols for high-rise buildings, including the frequency of inspections, and structural, geological, topographical and environmental/climate related considerations to prevent the type of tragic event that occurred in Surfside, Florida and prepare maps that identify the location, by Council District, of all high-rise buildings in the City.	Saunders	City Council approved instructing departments to report back to Committee.	
Public Safety Committee	21-0051	02/08/22	(MRodriguez) Instruct the Personnel Department, PD, FD and all city Departments be directed to conduct investigations into any employees' involvement in the recent insurrection at the Capitol and report on its plan to investigate, any findings, and disciplinary actions to any offenses. And be directed to report on the existing social media policy for employees, as it relates to hate speech guidelines and First Amendment rights.	Everett	Committee approved. Moves to PAW Committee, date, TBD.	
City Council	21-1209	02/16/22	(Buscaino) Instruct the CAO & LAFD to report with recommendations on the establishment of a volunteer emergency medical corps for the City of LA, to provide medical services to persons experiencing homelessness.	Everett/Sanko	Council approved, directs departments to report back.	
City Council	21-1283	02/23/22	(Cedillo) Relative to maintaining adequate sworn personnel staffing levels in the event of substantial noncompliance with the City's vaccination mandate for City workers.		Council adopted, instructing departments to report back to Committee.	
City Council	21-1461	02/23/22	(Rodriguez) Instruct FD & PD to report on the feasibility of replacing the CTS with the TEAMS II or a comparable system to track complaints and investigations of misconduct.		Council adopted, instructing departments to report back to Committee.	

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City Council	20-1478	03/25/22	(Rodriguez) CLA directed to report on Prop 19'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.		Council approved, instructs FD to report back to Committee.	
City Council	22-0029	05/20/22	(Krekorian) Instruct the City Attorney, in consultation with DBS & FD to prepare an ordinance requiring property owners to install and maintain fire life safety equipment and enhanced security measures at any structure that remains vacant for more than 180 days. Furthermore, instruct the CA to consult with DBS & FD on a proactive vacant structure inspection program that will ensure that vacant structures throughout the City are held to the standards contemplated in the aforementioned ordinance.	Saunders	Council approved, instructing the CA to draft an ordinance.	
Public Safety Committee AND Budget & Finance Committee	21-0980	06/30/22	(Rodriguez) Instruct the LAFD to report on the organizational study.	Gutierrez	Committee approved the item with recommendations. Heads to B&F, date TBD.	
Public Safety Committee	21-1471	08/03/22	(Buscaino) PD, FD, and any other departments report in 30 days with recommendations to increase the recruitment of hiring of City of LA residents. And report with recommendations to establish an incentive program for current personnel who successfully recruit City residents to join the departments.	Larson/Gutierrez	FD transmitted report to PSC. Committee approved with amendments.	
Arts, Parks, Health, Education, & Neighborhood Committee AND Public Safety Committee AND Budget & Finance Committee	20-1178-S2	10/03/22	(Rodriguez) Direct the FD and CAO to begin negotiations of extension of an MOU between the County DMH & the City to continue funding models of the Tvan for citywide expansion. Also, direct the CAO to report on a permanent funding source to sustain the Tvan program in the City.	Dixon/Everett	PSC approved the item after a brief discussion on 09/21. Budget & Finance briefly discussed and approved on 10/3. Now heads Arts, Parks, Health, Education and Neighborhood Committees, dates TBD.	
Econ Development 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.	
Energy, Climate Change, & Environmental Justice Committee & Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery & Neighborhood Investment	20-0147		(Koretz) FD be instructed to investigate the hazards presented by the illegal structures located at 130 N Croft Avenue in CD5 and that the Council Action of March 17, 2020 (CF 20-0147 be amended by motion 72-P and motion 72-P-A), relative to suspending comprehensive CARE+cleanups, be amended to authorize LA Sanitation to resume CARE+ cleanups and remove this illegal structure.	Crowley	Committee date, TBD	
Public Safety Committee	21-0465		(MRodriguez) Instruct FD and City Attorney with assistance of the CLA and CAO to report to the City Council on the number of patient transports provided for persons incarcerated in County jail, the length of average deployment, the rescue impact on standards of cover, and dollars spent on an annual basis for the past 5 years of deployment. Furthermore, instruct the FD and City Attorney with the CLA and CAO to report to the City Council on how the City can pursue full cost recovery for transport services rendered to the County.	Everett	Committee date, TBD.	

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Housing Committee	21-0776		(Cedillo) Instruct FD, City Attorney to report with recommendations/proposed resolutions, to the Housing Committee on the disconnect between state and local code and the LA Fire Code as it relates to the definition of residential zoning classifications for transitional and supportive housing occupancy type, as further detailed in the text of the Motion.		Committee date, TBD.	
Ad Hoc COVID Committee	22-0065		(Rodriguez) Direct LAFD & EMD to look into expanding the existing contact with Curative to increase our Citywide effort for safe and accessible testing, reduce disparities in the response.		Committee date, TBD.	