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LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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FIRE CHIEF

August 5, 2015

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 15-085

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM:  Ralph M. Terrazas, 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 Withdrawn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 the Board of Fire Commissioners review is the City Council and Committees Activity Report, for the period of July 27, 2015, through August 7, 2015, from the Office of the Chief of Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:
Receive and file the attached report.

Board report prepared by Assistant Chief Graham Everett, Chief of Staff.

Attachment

COUNCIL / COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT
(July 27, through August 7, 2015)

COUNCIL / COMMITTEE	FILE NO.	SUBJECT	REPRESENTATIVE	STATUS
City Council Meeting 7/28/15	15-0826	MOTION (KREKORIAN - LABONGE) relative to authorizing the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to appoint Firefighter recruits during Fiscal Year 2015-16. Recommendations for Council action to authorize the LAFD to appoint up to 65 Firefighter recruits for each class at Drill Tower 81 and up to 50 Firefighter recruits for each class at Drill Tower 40 during Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16; and the following resolution authorities, approved for six months in the FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget, for nine months, with no additional funding: one (1) Battalion Chief; one (1) Captain I; two (2) Fire Fighter IIs; and one (1) Senior Clerk Typist.	Deputy Chief Richard Rideout, Fire Administrator June Gibson	Council adopted item.
City Council Meeting 7/29/15	14-0713	Public Safety Committee report relative to installing No Smoking signs in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Koretz – Cedillo): Instruct the LAFD, with cooperation of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), to review and report on the installation of No Smoking signs efforts in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone as provided in Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 57.25.02, and determine if the proper number of signs has been installed, at the appropriate locations; instruct the LAFD and the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report on the feasibility of establishing a \$1,000 fine for any person cited for smoking in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone and placing the fine amount on posted No Smoking Signs. INSTRUCT the CAO, in conjunction with the LAFD and the Department of Recreation and Parks, to identify funding for the installation of No Smoking signs in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. INSTRUCT the LAFD, LADOT, and Department of Recreation and Parks to recommend strategies for enhanced enforcement, and to offer an opportunity for groups, such as Neighborhood Councils and Homeowners Associations, to sponsor the printing and installation of signs.	Deputy Chief John Vidovich	Council adopted item.

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City Council Meeting 7/29/15	12-1584-S1	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to addressing the backlog of Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) safety inspections of large buildings. Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Englander – Buscaino): DIRECT the LAFD to report relative to the backlog of safety inspections of large buildings, including the use of outside fire safety inspectors, hiring Los Angeles County fire safety inspectors on a temporary basis, temporarily bringing back retired personnel, partnering with the Department of Building and Safety to conduct fire safety inspections, and any other strategies that can be implemented to address the backlog in an effective manner; to the Budget and Finance Committee relative to the funding needed to replenish staff losses and other resource deficits necessary to fulfill the Department's inspection duties; to the Public Safety Committee on a quarterly basis relative to the status of the inspection backlog, and actions taken to reduce the backlog.	Deputy Chief John Vidovich	Council received and filed item.
Public Safety Committee 8/4/15	14-0600-S262	Los Angeles Fire Department report relative to the purchase of 17 electric vehicles for the Department's Fire Prevention Bureau.	Deputy Chief John Vidovich	Committee received and filed item.