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On Monday, September 11, 2017, at around 4:00 p.m., a man climbed up onto the rail of City Hall's observation deck, outside of the Tom Bradley room on the 27<sup>th</sup> floor of the building. Fortunately, the Fire and Police Departments were able to convince the man to climb down from the ledge, safely bringing to a close what could have been a tragic incident. This is not the first time that someone has either threatened to jump from the City Hall observation deck or fallen. In June 2016, a 25-year-old woman seated on a ledge outside the Tom Bradley room fell from the observation deck after suffering a medical emergency. Luckily, she landed on an air conditioning grate 30 feet below, and survived her fall.

City Hall is a historic building, and the tower's observation deck is open to the public and is a draw for tourists from around the world. While the observation deck is ringed by rails the possibility still exists that someone can fall or jump from the tower. These incidents have highlighted that hazard, as well as the need to consider changes to City Hall safety measures at the observation deck to ensure the safety of the public, before someone is seriously injured or killed.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department, with the assistance of the General Services Department, and the Chief Legislative Analyst's Office, report with options that the Council could consider to reduce the chances of an individual from attempting to jump or inadvertently falling from the City Hall observation deck.

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