

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to wildland-urban hazard mitigation.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE the August 7, 2019 joint Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA)/Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) report relative to wildland-urban hazard mitigation.
2. DIRECT the CLA and LAFD and REQUEST the Mayor to report in 60 days in regard to the work of the Mayor's Wildland Urban Interface Task Force.
3. DIRECT the LAFD and any other relevant City Departments to report with recommendations in regard to:
 - a. Strengthening the City's response to wildfires in the Wildland-Urban Interface.
 - b. Ways to enhance coordination between City departments and outside agencies.
 - c. Ways to increase resiliency and recovery efforts after a major fire, as recommended by the Mayor's Wildland-Urban Interface Task Force and detailed in the October 7, 2019 Communication from Councilmembers Bonin, Koretz and Ryu, attached to the Council file.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 26, 2020, your Committee considered an August 7, 2019 joint CLA/LAFD report and October 7, 2019 Communication from Councilmembers Bonin, Koretz and Ryu relative to wildland-urban hazard mitigation. According to the CLA/LAFD, on January 31, 2019, the LAFD convened a meeting with representatives of various City Departments to discuss the roles that each play during a fire in the Wildland-Urban Interface and the City's response to emergencies. Topics of discussion included evacuation routes, procedures for activating emergency shelters, emergency altering procedures, red flag warning parking restrictions, and other issues related to hazards present in the Wildland Urban Interface.

In its report, an overview is provided detailing the roles that the following Departments play in hazard mitigation in these areas, background on standing plans for emergencies, as well as information on their roles during an emergency such as a wildfire:

- LAFD
- Los Angeles Police Department
- Emergency Management Department

- Los Angeles Department of Transportation
- Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
- Department of Recreation and Parks
- Department of Animal Services
- Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
- City Planning Department
- Department of Building and Safety

The LAFD will continue to work with these departments to implement new programs and policies to mitigate wildfire hazards, identify new technologies and tools to reduce the risk of wildfires, and to streamline the LAFD's response to fires in the future. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to note and file the joint report. Also, the Committee moved to make additional recommendations as detailed above in Recommendation Nos. 2 and 3. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
RYU:	YES
LEE:	ABSENT

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