

MOTION PUBLIC SAFETY

Recent natural disasters in California such as the Woolsey and Camp fires, have reminded everyone living in this state that a major natural disaster can happen anywhere in the state and spread quickly. Every jurisdiction in California has a responsibility to their residents to be prepared to manage a disaster, and to ensure that residents are alerted of a disaster and can evacuate an affected area safely. However, not all residents are able to evacuate themselves, and may need assistance from their local jurisdiction in order to leave. In particular, persons experiencing disability, persons experiencing homelessness or the elderly may be hard-pressed to evacuate quickly during an emergency.

In order to best serve the City's residents, those departments with emergency evacuation roles, including the Fire Department, Police Department and Emergency Management Department, should develop and implement a training program for City employees who will have a role in alerting, evacuating, transporting and sheltering vulnerable populations during the next emergency. This training should ensure that employees who work with vulnerable residents will be able to quickly and safely assist the City's most vulnerable residents.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Emergency Management Department, Fire Department and Police Department, with the assistance of any other City Departments that would have a 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.

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