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During the initial response to a major manmade or natural disaster, the City's first responders will be stretched thin. In many cases, volunteers will be the first to assist people in need and to provide aid and assistance to residents. Volunteers can be a huge asset to the City during emergencies, and steps should be taken to ensure that trained volunteers and emergency supplies are available across the City during a serious emergency.

Some private-sector companies and non-profit organizations in Southern California have taken note of this, and have implemented programs to expand volunteer training efforts, emergency preparedness and emergency supply management. The City should explore opportunities to partner with the private sector on prepositioning supply caches that can be used quickly during an emergency, and on creating spaces for training and organizing volunteers that can assist during emergencies.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Emergency Management Department report on ways to partner with private-sector companies and non-profit organizations engaged in emergency preparedness efforts, and on creating volunteer command centers in each of the Fire Department's four Operational Bureaus.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Emergency Management Department and Department of Recreation and Parks, with the assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and General Services Department, to report on establishing a program to place an emergency supply cache in each of the City's neighborhood council areas and an emergency supply fulfillment depot in each of the Fire Department's four Operational Bureaus.

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