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REQUEST FOR REPORT

On August 4, 2021, the Public Safety Committee virtually considered a LAFD report relative to recommendations on a plan and process to require previously exempt non-sprinklered residential high-rise buildings in the City to retrofit and install sprinkler systems.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Chair made verbal recommendations for the LAFD and related departments requesting that they report back in 60 days. The Committee then continued the item to a future meeting date to be determined. The Committee's request for report back are detailed in the recommendations below:

Recommendations:

1. Instruct the LADBS and the LAFD Inspectors to survey a sample of a mix of high-rise buildings including both commercial and condominiums of different construction types.
2. Request the City Attorney to report on the feasibility of waiving building permit fees for property owners seeking compliance with a high-rise sprinkler compliance ordinance.
3. Direct the CAO to work with LADBS to identify any funding within the Department's budget to cover the \$33,000 needed for inspections, and if no funding is available for this purpose, to provide it in the next Financial Status Report.
4. Direct LADBS and LAFD to report with the findings of the residential high-rise survey, once completed, and with recommendations to implement the residential high rise sprinkler program that has the least impact on tenants possible.

Thank you,

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