

## Communication from Public

**Name:** BENJAMIN P GOLDFARB

**Date Submitted:** 12/31/2024 06:49 AM

**Council File No:** 24-1600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a lifelong resident of Los Angeles, in fact a 2nd generation Angeleno. As a proudly serving member of the LAFD CERT Call Out Team I have participated in countless community service activities. From training citizens how to be safe during a disaster, to leading the scheduling of CERT Training for hundreds of members of my local community (Hancock Park). I have also had the honor of serving on Fire Patrol duty during high fire season situations. This work relieves a sworn firefighter from doing these tasks so they can work (or rest) serving my fellow citizens in areas where their specialized training can most help. The CERT program started here in Los Angeles, we head our country and other fire departments around the world in community preparedness. This honor and responsibility should not be forgotten. LAFD CERT must be preserved! Respectfully Submitted, Benjamin Goldfarb ' PS Photos attached of LAFD CERT in action, training in our community (a graduation ceremony), activating citizens and serving at events keeping the attendees safe.

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**Name:** Pat Dengler  
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To: Los Angeles City Council  
From: Pat Dengler, Los Angeles resident  
RE: upcoming budget decisions as it affects CERT

I'm a Los Angeles native, having lived my 60+ years in the same neighborhoods. Experiencing several major earthquakes along with all the little ones. My particular neighborhoods have not been impacted by our California Wildfires, but I have taken in family who escaped the risk of losing their home and smoke impacts. I lived through the Rodney King riots. We are a very helpful and resilient community when times are challenging.

While I have been lucky and not experienced any significant impact from the city and state-wide emergencies that have occurred over the years, it's something that is often on my mind. For many years I have participated in our local Mar Vista Hilltop CERT group - being trained in surveying, medical rescue, response organization. All this because we know that our emergency departments could be overwhelmed by a large scale disaster. Unavailable to help. We have been given tremendous resources to learn and stay prepared in case of 'the big one'.

As our population ages, people move away, new neighbors move in, it's important to keep up the CERT program so that we can stay resilient and take some of the burden off of our wonderful and dedicated Police/Fire first responders.

The CERT program has a wonderful foundation, please keep it up and running in it's current capacity or with more resources, not less.

Thank you for your consideration,

Pat Dengler  
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