

## Communication from Public

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**Name:** John Sharpe

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Public Comment Regarding CERT

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing as a 39 year resident of Westchester to urge you to continue funding the CERT program throughout the city, as I believe having trained community members capable of helping city services fill the gaps that are surely going to happen when a major disaster happens is of incredible importance. I'm a firm believer in community-based solutions, and CERT is one huge step in making ourselves more self-reliant in times of need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Sharpe

7636 Ogelsby Ave., LA CA 90045

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Samuel Parnes  
**Date Submitted:** 01/03/2025 04:36 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please save and expand CERT. The entire city will require neighborhood watch groups, with each watch captain promising to teach CERT to his or her neighbors., If the city gives up CERT for financial reasons, there must be a guaranteed transition to this neighborhood watch setup, I live in a section of Westwood with no neighborhood watch. Do you want increased panic and people trapped in building until they die because not enough people know CERT, or do you want most everybody to know cribbing, triangulation, and chair lifts?

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**Name:** Mark Rhomberg  
**Date Submitted:** 01/03/2025 04:39 PM  
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The CERT program is very important to the city, my neighborhood, and to me. We know that there won't be enough emergency staff and equipment for the next natural disaster, so the CERT training has been essential for helping my family prepare for the next emergency. Thanks for CERT we have learned how to harden our house for fires and earthquakes, purchased water storage containers and drums, stocked extra food, created go bags, learned first aid, bought two-way radios, and purchased many other types of emergency gear.

Because my family is well prepared to "be the help until the help arrives" we have much less anxiety about the next emergency situation, and we look forward to helping our neighbors survive it, too.

Thank you CERT!

Mark Rhomberg  
Pacific Palisades

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**Name:** Olan Wicker  
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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Hana Kawano  
**Date Submitted:** 01/03/2025 05:02 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Council File Number 24-1600 January 3, 2025 Hana Kawano PO Box 361332 Los Angeles, CA 90036 To: All Members of the Los Angeles City Council I would like the CERT Unit to continue operating with no less than 8 full-time Fire Fighter Instructors under the guidance and direction of the LAFD, where CERT was originally conceived. If Los Angeles cannot sustain a successful CERT Program and provide free disaster preparedness to its citizens, the optics and faith in our City will be diminished, just as Los Angeles steps onto the world stage for the NBA All-Star 2026, FIFA World Cup (2026), Super Bowl LXI (2027) and the 2028 Summer Olympics. Keep CERT in its entirety, and show the world that we are ready for anything. In closing, we need all 8 LAFD CERT Fire Fighter Instructors! Hana Kawano RN, a graduate of CERT, RYLAND, Hands-Only CPR, Fire Extinguisher use and a member of Radio Net, Neighborhood Watch and Board Member of the Miracle Mile Residential Association (MMRA)