

Communication from Public

Name: Joe Steins

Date Submitted: 01/04/2025 12:25 PM

Council File No: 24-1600

Comments for Public Posting: January 5, 2025. As a resident of the Miracle Mile since 1970, 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" Thank you. Joe Steins, 1052 South Sierra Bonita Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90019

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Name: Meg McComb

Date Submitted: 01/04/2025 02:13 PM

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Name: Ginger Campbell

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Name: Barbara Gallen / Friends of Historic Miracle Mile

Date Submitted: 01/04/2025 04:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is BARBARA GALLEN, and I am the president of Friends of Historic Miracle Mile in the Miracle Mile Apartments National Register Historic District, a dense multifamily neighborhood home to more than 7,000 residents. We want the CERT Unit to continue operating with no less than 8 full-time FireFighter instructors under the guidance and direction of the LAFD, where CERT was originally conceived. We are deeply concerned that the City is contemplating downsizing the LAFD CERT Program by 75%, from 8 instructors to only 2. This exemplary program is one of the best investments the City has ever made. By training the public in how to fend for their neighborhood during a critical disaster, we effectively gain hundreds if not thousands of extra personnel to augment the overcommitted City emergency resources during devastating emergencies. CERT teaches the public how to help ourselves when fire and police response is delayed due to an overwhelming disaster or emergency. Our instructors' experience and institutional knowledge are priceless and irreplaceable. No training video can take the place of the lived experience of the instructors, passed down to CERT volunteers and shared with the respective communities. Our seasoned firefighter instructors support the City of Los Angeles by teaching over 6,000 students a year in emergency preparedness and disaster response.

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Name: Kathey Wilson

Date Submitted: 01/04/2025 05:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: January 4, 2025 Re: BFC-117-LAFD CERT V-Hours Staffing Reductions Dear Honorable Members of the Fire Commission, First, Happy Blessed New Year to you and yours. My name is Kathey Wilson, and I am a resident of Leimert Park and proud member of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) for more than a decade. Within the last ten years, my church, Trinity Baptist Church, which is in the Jefferson Park community, has hosted two of the seven-week CERT Training classes taught by the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) instructors. Both times, these classes were well attended by more than forty members of the community. I stress this because what CERT firefighter instructors have taught us are ways to help/support the community in the event of a disaster. Please re-consider any cuts in the budget that would reduce the number of CERT Firefighter instructors. The more people they can train to be well prepared and help save lives would impact the surrounding communities profoundly. Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter. Respectfully Yours, Kathey Wilson CERT 94, Norton 2

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Name:

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