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The intense Santa Ana winds and a trio of large wildfires caused power outages for more than 200,000 homes and businesses in Los Angeles County on Tuesday, January 7, 2025. About 127,000 customers of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) were without power that night.

An outage map provided by the LADWP showed widespread outages that impacted dozens of populous areas throughout the City. Portions of the City affected by the fires, such as the Pacific Palisades and Hollywood Hills, have had power intentionally shut off as firefighters battled the blazes. Other areas, including throughout the San Fernando Valley, were also affected.

By Wednesday, January 8, 2025, over 1.5 million residents of Southern California were reportedly without power, and this includes over 936,000 outages in Los Angeles County alone. On that day, LADWP reported that restoration of power could take up to 48 hours before crews were able to respond, with hazardous winds and fire conditions affecting response times.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to report to the Council on why certain areas of the City are more susceptible to power outages compared to others, what factors contributed to the disproportionate impact of outages around the City, and what contingencies the Department has to address these impacts.

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