

The January 2025 Wildfire and Windstorm Disaster created an unprecedented crisis for the City of Los Angeles, threatening communities, displacing residents, destroying thousands of homes and structures, and tragically leading to multiple fatalities. During a disaster, the number and scope of incidents can overwhelm conventional emergency services and having the community trained and prepared is critical to survival. This disaster is a tragic reminder of the importance of community disaster preparedness training to fortify and protect neighborhoods in case of large scale emergencies.

The Los Angeles Fire Department Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is an all-risk, all-hazard training. This valuable course is designed to help protect individuals, families, pets, neighbors and communities in an emergency situation.

Council District 1 is committed to expanding disaster preparedness training opportunities for everyone in the district and LAFD is in need of supplies for CERT training participants. Council District 1 includes several Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones making disaster preparedness and CERT training critical for the hillside communities, including sections of Glassell Park, Cypress Park, Highland Park, Mount Washington, Lincoln Heights, Montecito Heights, Solano Canyon, and Elysian Park.

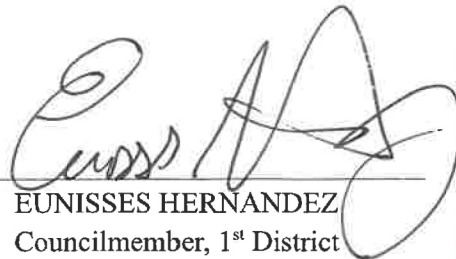
I THEREFORE MOVE that \$50,000 from the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281201 (CD 1 Redevelopment Projects - Services) be utilized to develop and procure the necessary supplies and resources for a multilingual in-person and virtual Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), to be provided by the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles Fire Department work with Council District 1 to develop a schedule for the multilingual in person and virtual CERT trainings and distribution plan for training participant supplies;

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be instructed and authorized to prepare, process and execute the necessary documents with and/or payments to the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation, or any other agency or organization, as appropriate, utilizing the above amount, for the above purpose, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be authorized to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections / clarifications / changes may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

PRESENTED BY:


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Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY:



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