AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR LA RECOVERY REPORT relative to the transportation and equitable distribution of fire-related debris from the January 2025 wildfires.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Padilla - Lee, et al.):

- INSTRUCT the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), with the assistance of the Department of Building and Safety's (LADBS) Local Enforcement Agency (LEA), to report back within 15 days on the following:
 - a. Debris Transport and Destinations
 - Identify all landfills and trash facilities where fire-related debris is being transported in the City
 - ii. Provide detailed maps of these facilities and their proximity to vulnerable communities, particularly in the East San Fernando Valley

b. Distribution Methodology

i. Describe the methodology being used to determine how debris is dispersed among landfills and facilities to ensure equitable distribution across the region

c. Contractor Oversight

- List the vendors and contractors being considered for debris hauling and storage that are based in the City, use existing public or private facilities in the City, or operate haul routes in the City
- ii. Evaluate the geographic locations of these vendors to ensure no overconcentration of operations in the East Valley or other historically burdened areas

d. Haul Routes

- Provide a detailed analysis of the haul routes being used to transport debris out of fire-affected areas
- ii. Include measures to mitigate noise, air pollution, and safety risks in communities along these routes

e. Hazardous Waste Management

- i. Outline how hazardous waste is being identified, packaged, transported, and disposed of safely, ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations
- ii. Note which permits and other regulations will be removed or expedited as part of the recovery
- iii. Specify what safeguards are in place to protect communities from potential exposure to hazardous materials

f. Debris Composition and Management

- i. Provide a breakdown of the types of debris being removed, including hazardous waste, non-hazardous waste, green waste, and recyclable materials
- ii. Clarify whether any categories of debris are being managed or transported by entities outside of the City and under what conditions

g. City-owned Facilities in Fire Recovery

- Identify any City-owned facilities that are being used as part of fire recovery efforts, including for debris processing, storage, or any other recovery-related operations
- ii. Provide a status update on the capacity, operations, and environmental monitoring at these facilities to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal standards

h. Intergovernmental Collaboration

- Detail LASAN and DBS LEA efforts to coordinate with county, state, and federal officials in the region's fire recovery efforts, including any collaborative agreements or partnerships
- ii. Include information on any funding or resources being secured through these partnerships to aid in debris management and environmental restoration

i. Timeline for Debris Removal

- i. Offer a clear timeline for the anticipated completion of debris removal efforts, specifying benchmarks for various phases of the process.
- 2. INSTRUCT the BOS and the LADBS LEA to advocate for an equitable distribution of debris management impacts in their coordination with our multijurisdictional partners working on the fire recovery, ensuring that historically overburdened areas like those in the East Valley, do not disproportionately shoulder the burden of debris hauling, storage, or processing. This includes identifying additional processing sites in less impacted areas, and strategies that balance our urgent work to recover and rebuild with our ongoing commitment to equity and environmental justice.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For: Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on March 24, 2025, your Ad Hoc Committee for LA Recovery considered a Motion (Padilla – Lee, et al.) relative to the transportation and equitable distribution of fire-related debris from the January 2025 wildfires.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the Motion, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR LA RECOVERY

MEMBER VOTE
PARK: YES
RODRIGUEZ: YES
NAZARIAN: ABSENT
SOTO-MARTINEZ: YES
McOSKER: YES

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