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Since the posting of the agenda, it has come to the attention of the City of Los Angeles that in response to the Palisades Fire, the Eaton Fire, the January 2025 Windstorm, and related fires, it is necessary for the City to immediately address dozens of issues related to response and recovery, including but not limited to: FEMA reimbursement, financing strategies for fire recovery, public safety in evacuation areas, lost pets, price gouging, FEMA's Direct Lease program, relief from LADWP bills, assessing infrastructure and facilities, ongoing federal coordination, an ad hoc committee for fire recovery, LADWP infrastructure and the offline reservoir, support for dislocated workers, mitigating debris flows and landslides, exempting additional positions from the prioritized critical hiring process, a centralized permit operation center, additional resources for LAFD, creation of a recovery plan, mitigation of toxic hazards, federal resource centers, tenant protections for impacted persons and pets, and financial assistance for impacted persons and businesses.

These fires created an unprecedented crisis, threatening communities, destroying thousands of homes and structures, in addition to multiple fatalities, and displacing residents. The fires, including the Palisades, Kenneth, Archer, Hurst, Sunset, and Woodley, have caused significant damage across thousands of acres, with significant loss of life and numerous individuals arrested for looting. The devastation has taken an immense toll on families and individuals who have lost their homes and sense of security. While our communities pull together in the face of this crisis, the road to recovery and rebuilding will be long.

We continue to support the Los Angeles Fire Department and all first responders in their tireless efforts to contain the fires and keep Angelenos safe. However, while mitigating the Palisades Fire, firefighters reported a critical shortage of water pressure and supply. The impacts of these fires continue to affect the city, resulting in losses of life and property, as well as severe disruptions to everyday services and long-term fiscal and environmental challenges.

As the City's leadership, the urgency of the situation requires accountability for our city and proprietary departments. Further, we are responsible for ensuring that an event similar to this never happens again. The scope and scale of the devastation requires answers for those who have been impacted and strategies to ensure that a similar disaster does not occur again.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council determine, as provided in section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to **Rule 23** of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter AND that the need for immediate action came to the attention of the City subsequent to the posting of the agenda on Friday, January 10, 2025 for today's Council meeting.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, in coordination with Los Angeles County, to procure an outside entity to prepare a comprehensive, independent After Action Report of the City and County emergency response to the January 2025 wildfires.

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