

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR LA RECOVERY REPORT relative to City protocols and procedures for Red Flag Warning Declarations.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INSTRUCT the Department of Transportation (DOT), Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), City Administrative Officer (CAO), and request the City Attorney to report back on options to increase fines, allocate revenue to wildfire preparedness, and expand patrol and towing capacity during Red Flag and pre-disaster (PDS) events.
2. INSTRUCT the Department of Building and Safety and LAFD, with the City Attorney, to report with recommendations for ordinance or code changes granting temporary authority to halt construction activities in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones during PDS Red Flag Days.
3. REQUEST the City Attorney, with the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and LAFD, to amend Los Angeles Municipal Code §63.44(P) to expand open-flame restrictions to include fire danger rating criteria in addition to calendar dates.
4. REQUEST the City Attorney, with consultation from the LAFD and LAPD, to report on drafting enforceable restrictions on outdoor barbecuing, fire pits, and open-flame activities in residential areas during Red Flag Warnings.
5. DIRECT the LAPD in coordination with DOT to report on current policies, procedures, and operational practices governing coordination with Official Police Garages (OPG) during Red Flag conditions and other emergency or pre-disaster events. The report should include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Existing protocols for the deployment and coordination of tow services during such events.
 - b. Current capacity of OPG tow yards, including the ability to accommodate regular, medium-duty, and heavy-duty vehicles.
 - c. Any limitations in service coverage, response times, or equipment availability.
 - d. An assessment of whether existing agreements and procedures are sufficient to meet Citywide towing needs during emergency conditions, or whether additional contractual provisions or policy changes may be necessary.
 - e. The proposed amendment to its contract with the OPG in regards to the "unusual occurrence" clause. This clause should allow the mobilization of tow units Citywide (in a mutual aid style configuration, regardless of service area sovereignty, to include mobilization of regular, medium, and heavy-duty tows) during Red Flag and PDS events.
6. INSTRUCT the CAO to report back on the establishment of a Red Flag Specific Overtime and Augmentation Fund and identify the funding necessary to support staffing and resource needs during declared Red Flag or PDS Red Flag events.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Emergency Management Department (EMD). Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At the special meeting held on April 8, 2026, the Ad Hoc Committee for LA Recovery considered a EMD report relative to City protocols and procedures for Red Flag Warning Declarations. The EMD, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and RAP gave a presentation and answered questions from the Committee. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations as amended and noted above.

This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR LA RECOVERY

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PARK:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
NAZARIAN:	ABSENT
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	ABSENT
McOSKER:	YES

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