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Each year, during holiday periods such as the Fourth of July and New Year's Eve, the City of Los Angeles receives a surge in illegal fireworks complaints. In response, the City has created an online complaint form that allows members of the public to report illegal fireworks activity via the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) website. This platform is intended to supplement LAPD's efforts by enabling residents to document recurring problems and allow the Department to better allocate enforcement resources.

However, it remains unclear how the information collected through the online complaint form is being used by LAPD, or whether or not it leads to enforcement actions, investigations, increased patrols, or broader analysis of illegal fireworks trends. Understanding how this data is utilized is essential to improving the City's response, enhancing community trust, and increasing the effectiveness of public safety strategies around fireworks enforcement.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to report back on the following information:

- The number of online fireworks complaints submitted through the City's complaint portal over the last three years, disaggregated by year, Council District, and timeframe (e.g., month, week of July 4th, etc.); The process by which online complaints are reviewed, prioritized, and dispatched to field units or investigative teams;
- The number of complaints that resulted in enforcement action (e.g., citations, arrests, or confiscation of fireworks);
- Any public education, outreach, or follow-up actions LAPD undertakes in neighborhoods with high volumes of fireworks complaints;

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the LAPD to conduct an assessment of how the Department could improve complaint responsiveness and community engagement using existing tools or through future technology enhancements including:

- Investing in targeted surveillance and reporting technologies, such as drones.
- Implementing an automatic citation system based on video evidence.
- Consider increasing fines to \$2,500 or more for confirmed violations, to create a sufficient deterrent.

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