

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to requesting a report on the City's enforcement authority and options to improve safety, emergency preparedness, and community protections related to operations at the JCI Jones Chemicals facility in Harbor Gateway.

Recommendations for Council action pursuant to Motion (McOsker – Blumenfield):

1. DIRECT the Office of the City Attorney, in consultation with the Emergency Management Department (EMD), the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), the Department of Building & Safety (LADBS), and the Department of City Planning (DCP), to report back in 30 days on the City's criminal and/or civil enforcement capacities, as well as steps to abate any present nuisance, with respect to the JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. (JCI) facility and their operations, including:
 - a. A record of any prior local, state, or federal violations of law in the JCI operations or site conditions within the past 15 years, the response to any violation notices, and the current status of any violation, nuisance, or substandard condition in the JCI operations or at the JCI site.
 - b. The City's authority and procedural path for criminal or civil enforcement, or nuisance abatement, regarding the operations or site conditions.
 - c. Existing authority and available enforcement mechanisms to require or incentivize emergency-preparedness measures in the current operations.
 - d. The City's authority to require facility upgrades, operational safety improvements, or use restrictions related to community safety and emergency preparedness.
 - e. Options for voluntary agreements or partnerships to enhance community safety.
 - f. Opportunities for interagency coordination with the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), and federal partners on oversight and compliance.
2. DIRECT these departments, in coordination with the Council Office, to continue engagement with JCI to pursue community-requested safety initiatives, including: the distribution of shelter-in-place kits, community emergency-response training, installation of warning systems such as windsocks and alarms, and exploration of a vegetation wall or similar buffer improvement(s).

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On January 14, 2026, your Public Safety Committee considered a Motion (McOsker – Blumenfield) relative to requesting a report on the City's enforcement authority and options to improve safety, emergency preparedness, and community protections related to operations at the JCI Jones Chemicals facility in Harbor Gateway.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Public Safety Committee moved to approve the recommendations in the motion. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| LEE | YES |
| PRICE | YES |
| McOSKER | ABSENT |
| SOTO-MARTÍNEZ | YES |
| PARK | ABSENT |

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