

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to requesting a report on potential code or regulatory changes needed to allow the City to clear encampments and other fire hazards in hillside Very High Fire Severity Zones (VHFSZ) without property owner permission, including options for cost recovery.

Recommendation for Council action as initiated by Motion (Rodriguez – Lee, Park):

1. REQUEST the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and the Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), to report on what municipal code or other regulatory changes are needed to allow hazardous materials including encampments to be cleared in hillside VHFSZ without having to gain permission from the property owner, including cost recovery for the City of Los Angeles.
2. INSTRUCT the Fire Department and the Department of Building and Safety, in consultation with the Office of the City Attorney, to report on the process for determining and documenting that the materials identified for removal in these hillside Very High Fire Severity Zones do in fact pose a fire hazard.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On January 28, 2026, your Public Safety Committee considered a Motion (Rodriguez – Lee, Park) relative to requesting a report on potential code or regulatory changes needed to allow the City to clear encampments and other fire hazards in hillside Very High Fire Severity Zones (VHFSZ) without property owner permission, including options for cost recovery.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
LEE:	YES
PRICE:	ABSENT
McOSKER:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES
PARK:	YES

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