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On November 21, 2025, a fire aboard the ONE Henry Hudson, while docked at the Port of Los Angeles (POLA), required an extended multi-agency emergency response and raised important questions regarding emergency preparedness, operational coordination, communications, and incident management. Council File 25-1463 (McOsker-Lee) examined the coordinated response among the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), Emergency Management Department (EMD), POLA, Los Angeles Port Police (LAPP), and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) to better understand the incident and ensure lessons learned are incorporated into future planning.

The incident also highlighted the critical role that marine service providers, emergency response contractors, tug operators, salvage firms, and waterfront labor can play during maritime emergencies. As the Port evaluates its preparedness for future incidents, it is important to assess whether qualified local employers and their local workforce are being adequately developed and considered when emergency response and marine service vendors are identified and designated in advance, recognizing that local capacity, operational familiarity, and rapid deployment capabilities may enhance response effectiveness and resiliency.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council instruct the Port of Los Angeles (POLA), with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), Los Angeles Port Police (LAPP), Emergency Management Department (EMD), and any other relevant departments, to report within 90 days on opportunities to strengthen emergency preparedness and response capabilities at the Port, including recommendations to encourage both public and private Port operators to give priority consideration to qualified local employers and their local workforce when identifying and designating predetermined emergency response and marine service vendors.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the report include recommendations, as appropriate, for enhancing pre-incident vendor qualification programs, emergency response agreements, and marine service contracting frameworks to ensure the availability of qualified tug operators, marine firefighting providers, salvage contractors, environmental response firms, heavy equipment operators, and other maritime support services necessary to respond to vessel fires, hazardous materials incidents, cargo emergencies, and other Port-related disasters.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the report evaluate lessons learned from the November 2025 ONE Henry Hudson incident, including the role of local emergency responders and maritime service providers in supporting the unified command response, and identify measures to improve local emergency response capacity, operational readiness, workforce utilization, and supply chain resilience during future maritime emergencies.

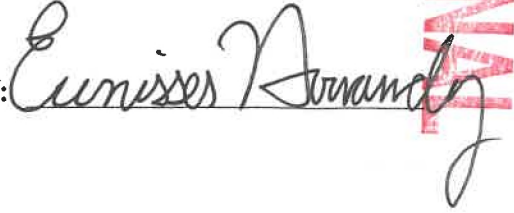
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