

TRADE, TRAVEL AND TOURISM and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to instructing City departments to report on opportunities to strengthen emergency preparedness and response capabilities at the Port of Los Angeles, including local emergency response and marine service vendor capacity.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (McOsker – Hernandez), as amended by the Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee:

1. 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. Additionally, include a direct line of succession for decision-making and notification at the executive level of the Port, including when executives are not in town.
2. INSTRUCT 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.
3. INSTRUCT 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.

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

At the regular meeting held on August 11, 2026, your Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee considered a Motion (McOsker – Hernandez) relative to instructing City departments to report on opportunities to strengthen emergency preparedness and response capabilities at the Port of Los Angeles, including local emergency response and marine service vendor capacity.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended approval of the Motion recommendations as amended to include a direct line of succession for decision-making and notification at the executive level of the Port, including when executives are not in town.

Subsequently, at the regular meeting held on August 12, 2026, your Public Safety Committee considered the same item and, after providing an opportunity for public comment, moved to concur with the action previously taken by the Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

TRADE, TRAVEL AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

<u>Member</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PARK:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>Member</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
LEE:	YES
PRICE:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES
PARK:	ABSENT

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