

Communication from Public

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In favor of CF 26-0906-S4 with amendments

My name is Christy Adair of Sherman Oaks and I write this from my personal perspective and not on behalf of any organization.

I heartily applaud the City Council for recognizing the work that many of the 99 neighborhood council's do to disseminate important communications between the City and its stakeholders. The NCs are uniquely positioned to promote City's resources throughout their communities during times of preparedness and response.

Similarly, I thank the City Council for highlighting the LAFD CERT Program which has been providing free emergency preparedness classes throughout the city of Los Angeles since 1986 and is currently celebrating its 40th year of hosting these vital classes.

However, while I personally feel everyone in this City should take this training; I do not believe such a lengthy commitment (17.5 hours) should be a requirement for any City volunteer.

It should be noted that when requested, the CERT Unit provides other specialty emergency training such as disaster preparedness, small-fire suppression, utility controls, hands-only CPR and Stop The Bleed.

Alternatively, there are online CERT classes that can be taken through the University of Utah*

I do support DONE discussing with LAFD how to make the CERT class more accessible throughout the City. Specifically, DONE and LAFD should work with the City to find appropriate facilities for these trainings in every NC district at no cost to the LAFD for hosting the classes. For example, Recs and Parks have community centers in most districts but the fees are prohibitive.

Thank you to the Los Angeles City Council for bringing this conversation to light.

With respect,



Christy Adair

* <https://medicine.utah.edu/occupational-environmental-health/research/outreach/cert>

