

ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to requiring Neighborhood Council (NC) members to obtain and maintain certification with the Los Angeles Fire Department's (LAFD) Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Jurado - Rodriguez):

INSTRUCT the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), with assistance from the LAFD, to provide a report with recommendations to require the majority of all NC board members to obtain and maintain certification with LAFD's CERT Program, including implementation options, timelines, costs, exemptions, and renewal requirements. The Department should consider more accessible training opportunities, such as providing the CERT Program remotely.

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 its meeting held on August 11, 2026, the Arts, Parks, Libraries, and Community Enrichment (APLCE) Committee considered Motion (Jurado – Rodriguez), dated July 1, 2026, relative to instructing the DONE, with the LAFD's assistance, to report on recommendations to require NC board members to obtain and maintain certification with LAFD's CERT Program, including implementation options, timelines, costs, exemptions, renewal requirements, and potential accessible training opportunities. The CERT Program provides free, hands-on training that equips participants with the knowledge and skills to prepare for and respond to emergencies. Expanded participation in the CERT Program would establish a consistent baseline of emergencies readiness amount NC leadership while strengthening coordination between the NCs and the LAFD during emergencies. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation contained in the Motion.

Subsequently, On August 12, 2026, the Public Safety Committee also considered this matter. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Public Safety Committee moved to concur with the APLCE Committee's action of August 11, 2026 in approving the Motion, as detailed above.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
JURADO:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES
NAZARIAN:	YES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

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