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The City of Los Angeles is bracing for potential storms and heavy rainfall attributed to the “super” El Niño this upcoming winter. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Climate Prediction Center projects a greater than 90% chance of a strong El Niño, which could bring one of the wettest winters in recent years.

The heavy rain not only creates unsafe conditions for the City overall, but imposes substantial detrimental impacts on people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. According to the 2026 Point-in-Time Count, approximately 29,115 people may be exposed to imminent threats such as falling trees, street flooding, debris flows, landslides, and infrastructure damage.

Amidst other environmental emergencies, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and other governmental agencies have worked to rehouse unsheltered people, but there was still a significant delay in setting up temporary shelters and bringing people indoors.

In anticipation of these impacts, it is critical for the City to ensure the multiple departments tasked with managing our emergency response network work in coordination with the departments managing our homeless response, in order to actively prepare to respond to storm-related emergencies and provide critical services to keep all Angelenos safe.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Emergency Management Department, the City Administrative Officer, the Los Angeles Housing Department, and the Department of Recreation and Parks in coordination with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, to report within the next 21 days on how the City is preparing to address the impacts of the super El Niño predicted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on people experiencing homelessness. This report should include:

- An assessment of previous efforts conducted to protect unsheltered People Experiencing Homelessness (PEH) in the city during emergency extreme weather events;
- Protocol and timeline for activating emergency shelters;
- An outline for conducting early notification and, if needed, evacuation of PEH living in high flood zones, including the LA River Bed area;
- A list of proactive measures that can be implemented before the start of the El Niño season;
- A list of any currently City-funded programs that can be used to support these efforts;
- A status update on the current capacity or number of beds and vouchers available for emergency shelter.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer to report on potential utilization of Homeless, Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program funds that have been saved due to reprogramming or any other savings in homelessness funds to fund the implementation of these recommendations.

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