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PUBLIC SAFETY

Since the posting of the agenda, it has come to the attention of the City of Los Angeles that in response to the Palisades Fire, the Eaton Fire, the January 2025 Windstorm, and related fires, it is necessary for the City to immediately address dozens of issues related to response and recovery, including but not limited to: FEMA reimbursement, financing strategies for fire recovery, public safety in evacuation areas, lost pets, price gouging, FEMA's Direct Lease program, relief from LADWP bills, assessing infrastructure and facilities, ongoing federal coordination, an ad hoc committee for fire recovery, LADWP infrastructure and the offline reservoir, support for dislocated workers, mitigating debris flows and landslides, exempting additional positions from the prioritized critical hiring process, a centralized permit operation center, additional resources for LAFD, creation of a recovery plan, mitigation of toxic hazards, federal resource centers, tenant protections for impacted persons and pets, and financial assistance for impacted persons and businesses.

The scope and scale of the Palisades, Sunset, Hurst and Kenneth Fires require the City to fundamentally rethink its Administrative and Municipal Codes to expeditiously assist in the response and recovery processes, while protecting life and safety.

For instance, Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6(a) - Approval of Grant Applications - requires the City Council to approve the acceptance of grant applications while LAAC Code section 14.6(b) requires the City Council to approve the submission of grant applications for grants that require matching funds. To ensure state and federal resources are readily available to the City, its residents, businesses and workers impacted by the Palisades, Sunset, Hurst and Kenneth wildfires, the City should provide a temporary waiver of the above-Grant requirements during a declared Federal and/or State of emergency while putting in place robust reporting requirements to ensure transparency and proper oversight.

In addition to the temporary waiver of the Grant-specific Administrative Code sections under a Federally and/or State declared state of emergency, the City should immediately prohibit the use of all leafblowers in burn areas. The ash and debris blanketing the Pacific Palisades is extremely hazardous, filled with toxins and, if blown, could create severe impacts to public health and our environment.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance in thirty (30) days that amends Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6(a) to authorize departments to apply for and accept grants related to a Federal and State declarations of emergency that aid in response and recovery; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance in thirty (30) days that amends Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6(b), allowing departments to apply for and receive grants related to the Palisades, Sunset, Hurst and Kenneth wildfire emergency response and recovery. Nothing in the this request shall apply to Council authority approving grants requiring a matching fund; and


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I FURTHER MOVE that departments that utilize the aforementioned authorization report to council on a monthly basis regarding grants that have been applied for and received; and

I FURTHER MOVE move that the Council REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance in fifteen (15) days amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 112.04 to prohibit the use of all leaf blowers in the Palisades, Sunset, Hurst and Kenneth Fire burn areas to prevent the spread of toxins and other environmental hazards; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst, in coordination with our City Attorney and the Emergency Management Department, report in thirty (30) days on other changes to our Administrative and Municipal Codes that may be required to expedite the response and recovery process, in addition to protecting health and safety.

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