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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.

As demonstrated by the impact of the ongoing response efforts, the recovery efforts for the Palisades Fire, Hurst Fire, Sunset Fire, Kenneth Fire, and other fires related to the January 2025 windstorm will place an immense strain on City personnel resources.

The City must continue to serve the day to day needs of Los Angeles, while addressing one of the largest recovery and rebuilding effort in Los Angeles's history. Further, with Emergency Executive Order No. 1 promising reviews of reconstruction projects within 30 days of submission, the City has an obligation to back up these assurances with results.

Hiring to authorized levels and, in some cases, increased staffing across several city departments will be required to meet this moment. Hiring to sufficient levels will require exceptions to the City's current Prioritized Critical Hiring process.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council determine, as provided in section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to **Rule 23** of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter AND that the need for immediate action came to the attention of the City subsequent to the posting of the agenda on Friday, January 10, 2025 for today's Council meeting.


I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst ~~Officer~~, in coordination with City Departments, report to Council within 15 days on the staffing and resources that are needed in order to manage the recovery and rebuilding process from the Palisades Fire.


I FURTHER MOVE that this should detail any existing positions that need to be filled, existing positions subject to Prioritized Critical Hiring, new positions that need to be created, substitute authorities, emergency appointments, or any other hiring or staffing needs, in order to expedite the recovery process.

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I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer present a plan to sunset Prioritized Critical Hiring for positions that are deemed essential to our wildfire recovery, subject to the availability of state or federal disaster aid.

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