

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR LA RECOVERY REPORT relative to current maps of all undergrounded and aboveground utilities in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and the feasibility and implementation of a tiered system for undergrounding powerlines.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Rodriguez – Yaroslavsky, Blumenfield):

1. REQUEST the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to report to Council with a current map of all undergrounded and aboveground utilities in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.
2. REQUEST the LADWP, with the assistance of any needed department or government agency, to report to Council on the feasibility and implementation of a tiered system for undergrounding powerlines. The report should also include the following information:
  - a. Criteria for prioritizing areas for undergrounding, including risk factors like, but not limited to, Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, High Wind Areas and proximities to Generating Stations.
  - b. A detailed cost analysis, including projected costs for different tiers, potential funding options, and the impact on utility rates and customers.
  - c. Strategies for community input and stakeholder engagement processes.
  - d. Community benefits, such as weed abatement, brush clearance, park space and walking trails, for areas where above-ground utilities are found infeasible for undergrounding.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:  
Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council  
North Westwood Neighborhood Council  
Palms Neighborhood Council

**(Energy and Environment Committee waived consideration of the above matter)**

## SUMMARY

At the meeting held on April 21, 2025, your Ad Hoc Committee for LA Recovery considered a Motion (Rodriguez – Yaroslavsky, Blumenfield) relative to current maps of all undergrounded and aboveground utilities in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and the feasibility and implementation of a tiered system for undergrounding powerlines.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the Motion, as amended by Councilmember Rodriguez and seconded by Councilmember Park, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR LA RECOVERY

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PARK:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
NAZARIAN:	ABSENT
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES
McOSKER:	YES

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