

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to developing of a Senior Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Rodriguez – Hernandez):

1. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Aging (LADOA) and the Emergency Management Department (EMD), with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and other related Departments, report on the development of a Senior Emergency Preparedness Plan and an implementation strategy with said report to identify necessary resources, associated emergency programs, internal and external collaboration with diverse stakeholders, procuring emergency supplies, the feasibility of using multi-purpose senior centers for older adults during emergencies, alternative meal delivery services to seniors, including staffing needs, and funding to support this plan.
2. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Fire Department, in coordination with the LADOA, the EMD, and other related Departments, to report on a strategic emergency plan, which includes escape routes, for Council Districts in high-fire-severity zones, and a practical approach to communicate the strategic emergency plan and conduct outreach to seniors and community members in high-fire-severity zones.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On January 23, 2024, your Committee considered a Motion (Rodriguez – Hernandez) relative to developing a Senior Emergency Preparedness Plan. According to the Motion, the looming threat of natural disasters and the increased frequency of local emergencies have demonstrated the saliency of emergency preparedness in the City. Over the past few years, the City has grappled with unprecedented crises like the COVID-19 pandemic and Tropical Storm Hilary, among others.

However, Angelenos annually experience other perennial emergencies, such as wildfires, extreme heat, and flooding, especially in the San Fernando Valley. These emergencies not only have environmental consequences but also have negative social and health impacts, which are felt tenfold by older adults and adults with disabilities. The older adult population is one of the most vulnerable communities during emergencies. Oftentimes, seniors face challenges with response strategies, increasing their likelihood of mortality, health-related risks, displacement, and injury. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the Motion. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Public Safety Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
LEE:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
PARK:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES

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