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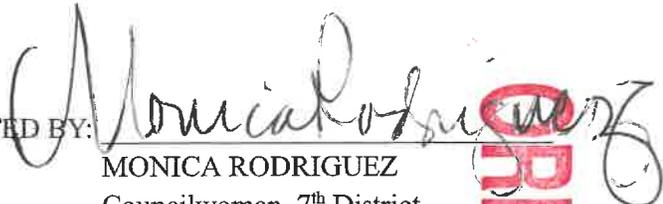
MOTION

The looming threat of natural disasters and the increased frequency of local emergencies have demonstrated the saliency of emergency preparedness in the City of Los Angeles. 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. With approximately 25% of the Los Angeles population over the age of 55 and about 33% of the older adult population with one or more disabilities, it is critical that the City provides safeguards that ensures resources and comprehensive strategies to prepare for unexpected and seasonal emergencies.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Aging (DOA) and the Emergency Management Department (EDM), with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and other related Departments, report back on the development of a Senior Emergency Preparedness Plan, and an implementation strategy. The report should 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.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Fire Department, in coordination with the Department of Aging, the Emergency Management Department, and other related departments, report back 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.

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