

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTIONS relative to the renewal of designation of applicant's agent for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) grants.

Recommendation for Council action:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTIONS:

- a. The Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution, attached to the Council file, for Non-State Agencies designating the City Administrative Officer (CAO) as the City's Authorized Agent to execute and deliver certificates, agreements, and other documents required in connection with obtaining Federal and State disaster assistance and Fire Management Assistance grants.
- b. The Designation of Subrecipient's Agent Resolution, attached to the Council file, for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program designating the CAO as the City's Authorized Agent to execute and deliver certificates, agreements, and other documents required in connection with obtaining pre-disaster mitigation, hazard mitigation, and flood mitigation.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that there is no General Fund fiscal impact related to updating the designation of the CAO as the City's Authorized Agent, with respect to applications for state and federal financial assistance for disasters.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 11, 2020, your Committee considered a July 17, 2020 CAO report and Resolutions relative to the renewal of designation of applicant's agent for FEMA and OES grants.. According to the CAO, in April 1994 following the Northridge Earthquake, Council designated the CAO as the "Authorized Agent" for the City with respect to applying for and executing Federal and State assistance for various disasters (Council File No. 94-0551). These "Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution(s)" are required by FEMA and the OES for all official City disaster grant applications to be processed through the CAO. The designation allows the CAO to serve as the central clearinghouse for the City's public assistance, hazard mitigation and pre-disaster mitigation grant program submittals, receipts and disbursements.

Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 8.72.1 requires all disaster grant funds to be deposited in the Disaster Assistance Trust Fund (DATF) and gives the CAO the responsibility for managing the DATF Fund. The most recent Authorized Agent Resolutions were approved by Council August 29, 2017 (Council File No. 14-0953) for disaster recovery and hazard mitigation and pre-disaster mitigation grant applications. The Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolutions for Non-State Agencies and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program are valid for three years and will expire August 28, 2020; therefore updated Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolutions must be submitted to FEMA and OES. The names and titles of at least three approving Governing Body Representatives (Council Members) must be listed

on the resolutions. The attached resolutions, "Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies (CalOES Form 130)" and "Designation of Subrecipient's Agent Resolution Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, CalOES Form 130)" are submitted for Council approval. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Resolutions as detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| RODRIGUEZ: | YES |
| O'FARRELL: | YES |
| BUSCAINO: | YES |
| RYU: | YES |
| LEE: | YES |

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