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The *Champlain Towers South*, located at 8777 Collins Avenue in Surfside, Florida, partially collapsed on June 24, 2021. The property was a twelve-story condominium building which has now been demolished. Many lives were tragically lost—98 people have been confirmed dead, all of whom have been identified, and 11 injured; since its occurrence one month ago.



Many of the city’s high-rise residential structures are located primarily in Century City; Downtown; and along the Wilshire corridor. It is imperative that the City identify any buildings that may be structurally vulnerable, and that could potentially pose a threat to the public health and safety of its residents and commercial tenants. The City needs to ensure that the residential and commercial tenants of these high-rise buildings are safe and protected from any and all harm, and as such, these buildings must be assessed to prevent a tragedy similar to that which occurred in Surfside, Florida in Miami-Dade County.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Building and Safety, with the assistance of the Bureau of Engineering, and the Fire Department, to prepare a report with recommendations relative to the following: 1) existing inspection protocols for high-rise buildings, including but not limited to, the frequency of inspections and structural, geological, topographical and environmental/climate related considerations; 2) best practices for the inspection of our high-rise buildings, and steps that can be taken to prevent the type of tragic event that occurred in Surfside, Florida; and 3) preparation of maps that identify the location by Council District of all high-rise buildings in the City, and their most recent structural inspections or reviews, with particular concentration on Century City; Downtown; and the Wilshire corridor.

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