PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to amendments to the Fire Code and the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) regarding brush clearance.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Koretz - Ryu):

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report with recommendations on amendments to the Fire Code and the LAMC, as appropriate, on requirements homeowners and their contractors must follow when clearing brush from their property, including information on the appropriate equipment for brush clearance to maximize safety, requirements for the use of fire extinguishers or other fire retardant in order to ensure an accidental fire could be immediately contained or prevented, and updates on recent changes to the Very High Fire Severity Zone boundaries.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on August 23, 2017, the Public Safety Committee considered Motion (Koretz - Ryu) relative to Code amendments regarding brush clearance. Staff from the LAFD provided the Committee information and commented on procedures. A representative of Council District Five also commented on the Motion. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the Motion. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEMBER: VOTE
ENGLANDER YES
O'FARRELL YES
BUSCAINO YES
RYU YES
RODRIGUEZ YES

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