

Your **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

reports as follows:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to directing the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to contract with an appropriate third-party to analyze past and current Fire Department response times.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Garcetti – Englander):

RECEIVE and FILE Motion (Garcetti – Englander) directing the CAO and CLA to contract with an appropriate third-party to analyze past and current Fire Department response times.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On March 20, 2012, Council considered Motion (Garcetti – Englander) relative to directing the CAO CLA to contract with an appropriate third-party to analyze past and current Fire Department response times. Motion states that Department management-calculated response times is currently in dispute. Council has taken multiple votes based on Department-provided response times, including its vote in favor of a new "deployment plan." While this plan resulted in the Department being able to deploy increased numbers of firefighters, paramedics, and certain equipment during the current fiscal year, confusion surrounding response times makes it unclear whether the expected corresponding impact on response times is occurring.

Motion makers believe that the people of Los Angeles must be confident that managers are optimally operating the Department. There must be a clear understanding of what the Department's response times are and what those times truly mean. Motion makers recommend that the Department's response times be analyzed by a third-party expert. Council referred Motion to the Public Safety Committee for consideration.

At its special meeting held March 23, the Public Safety Committee discussed this matter with representatives of the Fire Department. The Department will report back with cost estimates for such an analysis. Committee recommended that Council receive and file Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
PERRY:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
ZINE:	YES