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Fast and effective Emergency Medical Services are essential in every neighborhood of Los Angeles. The community of Ladera encompasses the narrow strip of City of Los Angeles jurisdiction connecting Westchester in Council District 11 and Hyde Park in Council District 8. This strip of land is a geographically hard to service area currently served by Los Angeles City Fire Stations 5 and 66, located at 8900 Emerson Avenue and 1909 W. Slauson Avenue, respectively. Neither of these L.A. City fire stations are in close enough proximity to the community of Ladera to provide adequate response times.

Los Angeles County Fire Station 58 is located at 5757 S. Fairfax Avenue, just 0.3 miles from the northern border of Ladera. L.A. County Fire Station 58 is staffed around the clock with an engine company and paramedic squad, ideally positioned to provide an initial response to Ladera prior to the arrival of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD). The current 1996 Los Angeles City/County Automatic Aid Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Ladera requires that "for full first-alarm (structure) fire incidents... County will respond one engine company to the Ladera Heights Median - Map 15." While this existing automatic aid agreement is very beneficial to Ladera in the case of a structure fire, it fails to provide for time and life critical Emergency Medical Service responses.

Prior to August 1989, the community of Ladera was served by L.A. City Fire Station 54, located at 5730 Crenshaw Boulevard. This fire station was closed in order to comply with the City's 1981 earthquake safety ordinance that affected seismically vulnerable unreinforced masonry buildings. At the time of L.A. City Fire Station 54's closure, there was insufficient funding in the Fire Facilities Trust Fund to build a replacement station and this first-in district was reapportioned to L.A. City Fire Stations 5 and 66. In 2006, the LAFD released a formal proposal to construct a new L.A. City Fire Station 54 in the general vicinity of the old facility. This new facility was to be equipped with a fully-staffed engine company and two rescue ambulances by July 2011. Unfortunately, before this proposal could move forward, the 2008 Great Recession placed this and several other neighborhood emergency service expansions on hold.

It is critical that the LAFD make interim provisions to reduce response times in the community of Ladera by revising the scope of the existing Automatic Aid MOU with L.A. County Fire, and longer-term, establishing a new L.A. City Fire Station 54 for this geographic area in need of improved coverage.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Fire Department take the appropriate steps to negotiate an amendment to the Los Angeles City/County Automatic Aid Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to add the provision of an Advanced Life Support unit from the Los Angeles County Fire Department for Emergency Medical Service incidents occurring in the community of Ladera (AKA: Ladera Heights Median), and report to the City Council with a description of any reciprocal services that may need to be provided by the LAFD to L.A. County Fire.

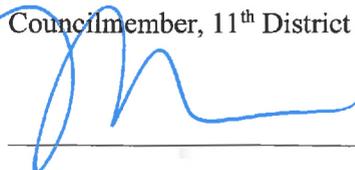
I FURTHER MOVE that the Fire Department report on the status of the proposal to construct and staff a new L.A. City Fire Station 54, including: the required parcel size, an assessment of suitable properties, anticipated land acquisition and construction costs, potential funding sources in lieu of a Citywide fire facility bond measure, and the recommended resource types for assignment to this new fire station, based on geographic coverage needs and current service demands.

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AUTOMATIC AID MAP No. 15
FIRE RESPONSE
LADERA HTS. MEDIAN
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