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MOTION

Since 2008, the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) has had severe budget cuts, resulting in temporary closures, redeployment plans, and increases in response times. While the City Council has made efforts to restore funding given fiscal constraints, it has yet to fully fund the LAFD to restore appropriate staffing levels.

On May 5, 2013, the Fire Chief implemented the Ambulance Augmentation Plan which reassigned 22 firefighters from fire apparatus to Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances. Due to concerns for firefighter safety, Council appropriated \$1.56 million for overtime from the Budget Stabilization Fund to the LAFD to retain staffing on the fire apparatus through June 30, 2013 (C.F. 13-0545),

On June 28, 2013, Council considered Motion (Krekorian-Koretz-Rosendahl-Zine; C.F. 13-0545-S1) relative to the LAFD continuing its current staffing plan through July 31, 2013, along with the use of overtime. Council acted to receive and file the Motion, and to, instead, review the deployment re-configuration and its impact to the LAFD budget for the entire fiscal year.

Also on June 28, 2013, the Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury released a report recommending that: (a) the LAFD's funding be reinstated to 2008 levels, (b) the firefighters at the Dispatch Center be replaced with civilians, and (c) the Department's computer systems be overhauled.

I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council instruct the Los Angeles Fire Department and the Office of the City Administrative Officer report on the findings of the County Civil Grand Jury Final Report, along with the prior Council instruction on continuation of the reconfigured staffing plan of ambulance augmentation, and retention of 22 members on fire apparatus through overtime.

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