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I MOVE that the Council AMEND the recommendation #2 of the Public Safety Committee Report related to Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) staffing imbalance and firefighter hiring and attrition (CF 13-0540-S3, Item #29 on today's agenda), to read as follows:

2) DIRECT the LAFD to:

to the Public Safety & Budget and Finance Committees

a. Report with recommendations for reducing firefighter wait time at hospitals after delivering patients in need of emergency medical care, with input from local hospital executives and local hospital associations; and

to the Public Safety & Budget and Finance Committees

b. Report on the following proposals to address firefighter wait time at hospitals in concert with all relevant stakeholders:

i. Employ FIRESTAT and other available data to determine the amount of time that LAFD EMS personnel are delayed while awaiting transfer of patients to emergency room care; and

ii. Determine those hospital emergency rooms at which LAFD EMS personnel experience the most lengthy waits to transfer patients; and

iii. Consider approaches taken by other jurisdictions in the United States and around the world, which seek to pair patients' needs with a commensurate medical response, including:

1. Transporting patients with other than truly emergent conditions to facilities other than hospital emergency rooms such as urgent care centers and alcohol recovery facilities; and

2. Having hospitals make the process of making acute care beds available more efficient to prevent "boarding" patients in the ER awaiting a bed; and

3. Assigning LAFD or other medical personnel at particularly busy ERs to oversee the patients on the ambulance gurneys and make replacement gurneys available so the ambulance and its crew can return to service; and

4. Having mid-level caregivers such as physician assistants or nurse practitioners respond in non-ambulance vehicles to calls that are clearly non-emergent and assure that the patient is connected to an appropriate source of care.

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