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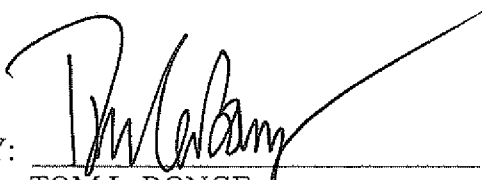
MOTION


Recent media reports have highlighted the needs for the City to obtain comprehensive assessments of the risks posed by the consequences of the next big earthquake. The City must prepare and understand the situation to make certain that we have taken the right steps to prepare for the eventuality of an earthquake.

On October 17, 2013, the Los Angeles Times published an article titled, *Mayor Garcetti Suggests Czar for Earthquake Preparedness*. The article states that Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti considers having a "chief resilience officer" to oversee preparations for a major earthquake and ensure Los Angeles can minimize damages that may occur from such natural disaster.


With the concurrence of the Mayor, it is crucial to have an expert on behalf of the City to take the lead on putting all the pieces together and preparing a master plan to ensure seismic safety. There are significant risks, cost concerns, and numerous challenges that are beyond the losses of buildings that need to be figured out.

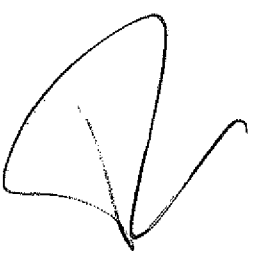
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Emergency Management with the assistance of the Department of Building and Safety be directed to report to the City Council on the status of the City's earthquake preparedness efforts, along with additional recommendations to improve the City's efforts.

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