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The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) is one of the largest departments in the City of Los Angeles, with an annual department budget of over \$550 million, and employment authority for over 3,200 sworn and over 300 civilian personnel. The past several years have brought increased scrutiny to the LAFD, on matters such as deployment of fire resources, oversight of personnel matters, and major technology initiatives.

As LAFD works to leverage this scrutiny and make it an even more effective organization, it is critical that the City maximizes engagement, participation, and input from all internal and external stakeholders. These stakeholders include the elected and appointed leaders of City government, members of the Department, and residents of Los Angeles.

The Fire Commission, as head of the Department, is tasked with setting the Department's policies and priorities. These efforts are accomplished in part through meetings of the Fire Commission, which are open to the public and subject to the Brown Act. Stakeholder engagement, however, is limited by the current methods of access to Commission meetings. Currently, Fire Commission meetings are not broadcast or webcast live on the air or over the Internet. The Commission recently began recording meetings to upload to the LAFD website, but additional access is necessary. In comparison, Police Commission meetings air on LA City View, by broadcasting on Channel 35 and webcasting over the Internet. Similar access to Fire Commission meetings is necessary in order to achieve better stakeholder engagement and awareness.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Information Technology Agency, with the assistance of the Fire Department, be instructed to implement telephone and City View broadcast/webcast access for Fire Commission meetings.

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