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PUBLIC SAFETY

Fireboat 2, which is housed at the Fire Department's (LAFD) Station 112 in San Pedro, is the LAFD's only marine-based emergency medical service (EMS) response apparatus in the harbor area. Fireboat 2 is often called upon to respond to a number of emergencies on, in or near the water, including capsized or sinking vessels, swimmers in distress, and sick or injured passengers of cruise ships in the area. However, due to speed restrictions inside the breakwater, Fireboat 2 is limited to speeds of approximately 6 knots, which results in longer response times.

EMS calls often require a fast response, and any delay can be costly. As Fireboat 2 cannot respond any faster because of speed limits inside the breakwater, the LAFD should study other ways that it could respond to EMS calls on, in, or near the water without relying on Fireboat 2.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Fire Department (LAFD) be directed to report with recommendations on how to reduce response times for emergency medical service calls and rescues on or in the water that are currently fielded by Fireboat 2.

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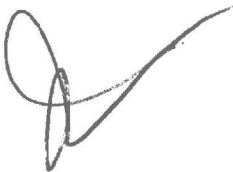
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