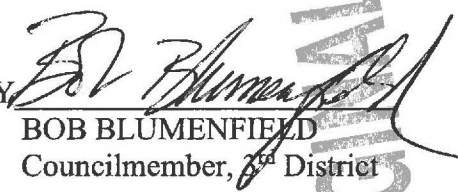


MOTION

As a result of the budget crisis caused by the Great Recession, in 2011 the Fire Department (LAFD) closed numerous engine companies across the City and reorganized how it delivered services. Many of these engine companies were invaluable assets to the communities they served, and their removal has greatly impacted service delivery in many areas. Fire Station 73 in Reseda was one station that lost an engine company, and as a result, response times are often slower there than in other areas in the City and resources are stretched thin.

Over the last few years, the Council and Mayor have made significant progress in providing the funding necessary to restore resources in the LAFD, and the Department has begun to hire new firefighters, expand ambulance services, and implement new programs to more efficiently deliver services, in addition to reopening many engine companies that were shuttered during the Great Recession. However, LAFD has continued to note that it still needs additional resources to reopen shuttered Engine Companies, including the Engine Company at Fire Station 73. To this end, the Department has been actively searching for outside sources of funding to initially reopen closed engine companies. While the LAFD should be lauded for its efforts to increase services and search for outside funds, more resources are needed. Communities like Reseda are in desperate need of additional resources which the City should find ways to fund on an on-going basis.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Fire Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, report to Council with a plan to fund the restoration of an engine company at Fire Station 73 in Reseda without relying on one-time or temporary funding sources.

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