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Summary: In January of 2015, the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) announced that it was reorganizing its operations into four geographic bureaus: Central, South, Valley, and West, with the goal of making the LAFD more responsive to the communities it serves by moving command personnel into offices in their respective bureaus. LAFD's Operations Valley Bureau encompasses the entire San Fernando Valley and includes Battalions 10,12,14, 15, and 17. Sylmar sits within Battalion 12's jurisdiction.

Operations Valley Bureau (OVB) currently works out of Fire Station 83 located at 4960 Balboa Boulevard in Encino, but the space is not adequate for their needs. The commanding officers and other staff previously had office space in dilapidated trailers at Fire Station 88 that was also insufficient for their operational needs. We believe that it is reasonable that adequate office and training space be provided for the critical operations of OVB so that they may adequately serve the communities of the San Fernando Valley.

We support finding a creative and cost-effective solution to this issue, such as replacing the trailers that currently sit at Station 88, with modular trailers or shipping containers. The Downtown Container Park in Las Vegas is an excellent example of how repurposed shipping containers and manufactured/modular cubes can be used to construct creative and useful space, economically.

It has now been more than one year since the original motion on this item was introduced. We ask that the City prioritize exploring the feasibility of replacing the trailers at Station 88 with shipping containers, along with all other reasonable and cost effective alternatives that are suitable to support the operations of LAFD's Operations Valley Bureau.