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On Saturday July 8th, 2017 an explosion at the LADWP Northridge plant known as Receiving Station J caused a fire that ultimately left 140,000 valley residents without electricity for a few hours and some without electricity overnight on a day that was recorded as the hottest day in Los Angeles in 131 years. As a result of the outage, many intersections were left dark which created hazardous driving conditions for drivers throughout the area.

The City Departments responsible for the safety of Los Angeles residents and those departments responsible for the roads and traffic should be prepared for power outages as well as other emergencies. LADOT Parking Enforcement officers are typically tasked with traffic control when traffic signals are out, but there was a severe shortage of LADOT Parking Enforcement officers on duty and zero supervisors on call the evening of July 8th, 2017 which resulted in dangerous circumstances on City streets. The LADOT's role in a power outage should be to ensure the safe and continuous flow of traffic on Los Angeles City streets. It is important that the City staff be prepared at all times for an emergency such as this.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles Fire Department, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power be directed to provide a comprehensive report on the safety and traffic control measures that were in place during the power outage and what best practices can be implemented to ensure the safety of motorists during a power outage or other emergencies.

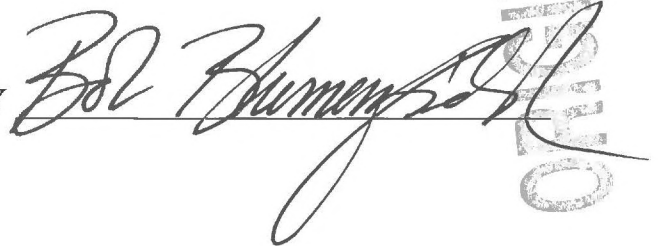
I FURTHER MOVE that the LADOT be directed to provide a comprehensive report to the Public Safety Committee on the current staffing levels of the Parking Enforcement officers during an emergency, the current staffing plan in place when responding to emergencies as well as what steps can be taken to ensure the LADOT maintains appropriate staffing levels in the future to efficiently and effectively manage traffic related issues during a power outage emergency.

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