For the first time, the Los Angeles Fire Department is on the verge of being the recipient of the SAFER grant, a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant program used to support firefighting operations. As a condition of the grant, the city will be required to expand the size of the firefighting force and restore critical firefighting resources that were cut during the budget crisis.

In order to maximize the amount of funding the city will receive from the SAFER grant as well as facilitate the most expeditious restoration of firefighting services while the City Council continues to consider the implications of accepting the SAFER grant, the Council can authorize the Fire Department to begin the hiring process of the staff that would be supported by SAFER.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council authorize the Fire Department to modify the FY 2017-18 Firefighter Recruit Training schedule to add one Firefighter recruit class to be held at the Harbor Recruit Training Academy (Drill Tower 40) from January 22, 2018 through June 7, 2018.

I FURTHER MOVE that Council authorize resolution authority to the Fire Department for 48 Firefighter III (Code 2112-3) positions, upon allocation by the Civil Service Commission, from January 22, 2018 through June 30, 2018.

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