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The City of Los Angeles is one of the most linguistically diverse cities on the planet. Over half of the residents of Los Angeles speak a language other than English in the home, and a significant number of people who reside in the City have a limited command of the English language or feel more comfortable speaking, reading or writing in another language for official communications.

During an emergency, such as a wildfire or an earthquake, the public may be provided pertinent information through a variety of means, including through the City's NotifyLA system, Wireless Emergency Alerts (which provides alerts through mobile devices based on location), the Emergency Alert System (which interrupts radio and television broadcasts), and personal notice by emergency responders. It is important that these notices are available to all residents, not just those that speak fluent English.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department, Fire Department and Emergency Management Department report on existing processes for providing emergency notifications and alerts in languages other than English, and on ways to increase the City's ability to provide emergency notice to residents who do not speak English, both via personal notice and existing notification systems such as NotifyLA.

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