

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to providing emergency notifications and alerts in languages other than English.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Rodriguez - Lee):

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Fire Department and Emergency Management Department to report in regard to 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.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Office nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 12, 2020, your Committee considered a Motion (Rodriguez - Lee) relative to providing emergency notifications and alerts in languages other than English. According to the Motion, 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 Notify LA 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. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended approval of the Motion as detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
RYU:	YES
LEE:	YES

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