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On Wednesday, June 30th, 2021, around 7:30 pm, on the 700 block of East 27th Street the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) attempted a controlled detonation after seizing a large cache of illegal fireworks from a home. After seizing the illegal fireworks, LAPD's bomb squad determined that it was best to dispose of the fireworks on-site because the materials were "very volatile". The attempt at a controlled detonation went horribly wrong and led to a powerful blast endangering residents within the community. According to several reports, the blast shook the neighborhood, overturning a nearby vehicle, shattering glass and damaging homes. Additionally, a large plume of smoke could be seen overhead and in the surrounding blocks from the blast.

The blast left 17 people injured, ten are LAPD officers, one Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agent, and the six others are civilians. According to the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), the worst injuries were sustained by a 60-year-old man, an 85-year-old woman, and a 51-year-old woman. With a school just blocks away, it is extremely fortunate that more people and specifically children were not injured.

The result of this operation is inexplicable and we must ensure that a similar result never happen again.

I MOVE that the LAPD, with the assistance of the LAFD, expedite a report on the failed operation, including what caused the explosion, and how to better protect the public and ensure a similar event never happens in the City of Los Angeles in the future.

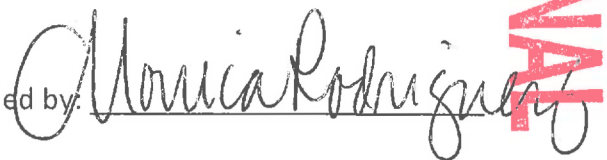
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney, with assistance of the LAPD, work with the affected individuals of the blast and ensure that they are properly compensated for damages to any of their property as well as any injuries they incurred.

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