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On April 15th, the U.S. Department of Defense issued a 30 page statement identifying Cyber attack as the number one global security threat. According to James Clapper, US National Intelligence Director, "We judge that there is a remote chance of a major cyber attack against U.S. critical infrastructure systems during the next two years that would result in long-term, wide-scale disruption of services."

This is the first time that Cyber attack has been ranked above terrorism and organized crime in the Defense Department's annual assessment. The City of Los Angeles' key role in the global economy makes its digitally connected infrastructure a compelling target for Cyber attack.

Cyber attacks aimed at the critical network infrastructure of the City of Los Angeles such as the Department of Water and Power, the Port of Los Angeles, Los Angeles International Airport, the Department of Transportation, Police, Fire, and Sanitation, could create financial chaos, shut down critical services, and put lives at risk.

The City of Los Angeles has already taken preliminary steps to identify its vulnerability to cyber attack by initiating an inventory of its critical systems and sharing information and strategies across departments. It is important that this work be formalized and supported by the Mayor and City Council.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the Cyber Security Working Group report to a closed session meeting of the Public Safety Committee to summarize its initial work and share its plans for ensuring the security of the City's critical infrastructure systems.

I FURTHER MOVE, that the Office of the Mayor and the Chair of the Public Safety Committee convene a regular meeting to receive continued updates on the activities of the Cyber Security Working Group.

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