

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to naming the West Hills Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) helispot as the "Glenn V. Smith Helispot in West Hills."

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Englander – Fuentes):

APPROVE the naming of the West Hills LAFD helispot as the "Glenn V. Smith Helispot in West Hills," in honor of the decorated LAFD veteran and West Hills community member.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On July 3, 2013, Council considered Motion (Englander – Fuentes) relative to naming the West Hills LAFD helispot as the "Glenn V. Smith Helispot in West Hills." Motion states Glenn Victor Smith, who served as LAFD's Chief Pilot, passed away in 2011, after a battle with cancer. Mr. Smith was a dedicated public servant, serving LAFD as a firefighter and paramedic before becoming a helicopter pilot. Motion goes on to state that Mr. Smith twice was awarded the LAFD's Medal of Valor. He is remembered as an outstanding professional, a great person, and as an individual who was incredibly dedicated to the safety of the citizens of Los Angeles. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Mr. Smith was a devoted husband, family man, and a member of the West Hills community.

Motion movers believe that Mr. Smith's dedication to the LAFD, the community, and to the people of Los Angeles should be recognized. Naming the West Hills Helispot for him would be a fitting honor. As one of 32 helispots maintained by LAFD, the West Hills Helispot is designed to enhance protections for the community by enabling helicopters to quickly take on fuel and water for fighting wildfires in rugged terrain. Naming this helispot for Mr. Smith would serve as a reminder of his service and dedication to the City and its residents, and permanently memorialize him in the West Hills community he called home. Council referred Motion to the Public Safety Committee for consideration.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held July 26, 2013, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council approve Motion's recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES

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