

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to signage and location markers for the Los Angeles River Bike/Jogging/Walking Path.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the Motion (Cedillo - LaBonge - O'Farrell) relative to:

- a. Directing the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), and Los Angeles Department of Transportation Departments to report with recommendations for installing street signage or other appropriate location markers to the Los Angeles River Bike/Jogging/Walking Path.
- b. Directing the Bureau of Engineering to work with the RAP to identify locations where Emergency Call Boxes may be appropriate.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On May 12, 2014, your Committee considered a Motion (Cedillo - LaBonge - O'Farrell) relative to signage and location markers for the Los Angeles River Bike/Jogging/Walking Path. According to the Motion, the Los Angeles River Bike/Jogging/Walking Path is enjoyed by Angelinos and residents of neighboring communities day and night. The communities along the river have raised concerns over the safety issues involving this exact pathway. The LAPD and LAFD have suggested that street signage or other appropriate location markers be placed along the River Bike/Jogging/Walking path to help ensure safety and facilitate more efficient responses from emergency services.

Currently, emergency first responders are faced with an unnecessary challenge of having to locate the whereabouts of an emergency call for help, often with little help from victims who are not able to quickly or accurately explain a location. Immediate action is needed to address and easily remedy these safety concerns. The City should also explore mapping specific locations along the river for emergency call boxes. Call boxes can be a useful tool along the river path, where many joggers may not have their phone or lose reception while jogging.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to note and file the Motion. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE

**MEMBER    VOTE**

O'FARRELL: YES

LABONGE: YES

BUSCAINO: ABSENT

CEDILLO: YES

PRICE: YES

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