

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to Department of Recreation and Parks facilities that have been designated as emergency centers and how to designate additional locations for this purpose.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE reports from the Emergency Management Department (EMD) dated May 23 and June 20, 2014 (attached to the Council file), relative to Department of Recreation and Parks facilities that have been designated as emergency centers and shelters, and the selection process for designating additional locations for these purposes.
2. DIRECT the EMD to report relative to recommending options for identifying an emergency shelter after a disaster or other such emergency event has occurred in an area of the City in which a local emergency shelter has been damaged or in which a suitable shelter has not yet been designated by the Department of Recreation and Parks.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the EMD. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

During the course of considering the proposed 2014-15 budget, Council directed EMD to report to the Public Safety Committee relative to Department of Recreation and Parks facilities that have been designated as emergency centers and shelters, and the selection process for designating additional locations for these purposes.

In the report dated May 23, 2014, EMD discusses City shelter locations and the designation and activation processes. EMD works in direct coordination with agencies that support or have a leadership responsibility related to mass care and sheltering of the public in times of emergency or disaster: the Department of Recreation and Parks, Department on Disability, Department of Animal Services, American Red Cross, and the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). All shelter sites must meet operational requirements for capacity, restrooms and shower facilities, parking, and security. A selected facility must meet the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements in order to be activated, or specific temporary remediation measures must be undertaken. Thirty Department of Recreation and Parks sites are ADA compliant and appropriate for sheltering the population in times of disaster. The Department of Recreation and Parks and LAUSD have additional facilities that are available for designation and activation as shelter site during times of disaster.

In the report dated June 20, 2014, EMD updates the Mass care Shelter Site Selection Process. This process describes the steps necessary to select a shelter site during an emergency, and the roles taken by City Departments and the American Red Cross. The report goes on to discuss the ongoing review of this process and upcoming training sessions to be held.

At its meeting held June 13, 2014, the Public Safety Committee discussed this matter with a representative of EMD. The EMD representative discussed the process for communicating

shelter information with City first responders, the ongoing updating of the list of emergency shelters, the coordination of functions of City Departments and the American Red Cross in the event of an emergency, and identifying additional shelters such as LAUSD facilities. The Committee recommended that Council approve the EMD reports. The Committee further recommended that Council direct EMD to report relative to recommending options for identifying an emergency shelter after a disaster or other such emergency event has occurred in an area of the City in which a local emergency shelter has been damaged or in which a suitable shelter has not yet been designated by the Department of Recreation and Parks.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

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