

COMMUNICATION FROM VICE-CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) response to the September 22, 2014 fire at the Port of Los Angeles.

Recommendation for Council action:

RECEIVE and FILE Motion (Buscaino – Bonin) directing the LAFD to report relative to the September 22, 2014 fire at the Port of Los Angeles.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

### SUMMARY

On October 21, 2104, Council considered Motion (Buscaino – Bonin) directing the LAFD to report relative to the September 22, 2014 fire at the Port of Los Angeles. Motion states that on September 22, 2014, at approximately 6:40 p.m., a fire broke out at the Port of Los Angeles, threatening nearby ships and a warehouse at Berths 177 and 179. LAFD responded quickly, and was able to gain control of the blaze at around 8:30 p.m. Firefighters continued to battle the fire into the next day, and were finally able to put it out the next morning. Motion movers believe that LAFD should be commended for its hard work in this fire. It is due to their professionalism that the fire did not spread and no one was killed or seriously injured. Motion recommends that Council direct LAFD to report on the fire, including information on how long it took for first responders to arrive on scene, the number and types of LAFD units that responded, and how many responders from other jurisdictions aided LAFD in extinguishing the fire. Council referred Motion to the Public Safety Committee for consideration.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held November 14, 2014, the Committee Vice-Chair and Member discussed this matter with LAFD staff. Department representatives stated that this incident was initially a wood dock fire. LAFD arrived in approximately six minutes, assistance was also provided by the Long Beach Fire Department. In total, three boats were used to combat the fire. Due to the petroleum-based treatment of the dock's wood infrastructure, smoke from the fire was thick limiting visibility. LAFD monitored the air quality and prepared to evacuate surrounding communities if necessary. The fire was fully extinguished in 23 hours. LAFD went on to discuss strategy and tactics, lessons learned, and the need for additional resources and technology. After praising the LAFD for its handling of the fire, Committee members recommended that Council receive and file accompanying Motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEMBER      VOTE

ENGLANDER: ABSENT  
BUSCAINO: YES  
BONIN: ABSENT  
O'FARRELL: YES  
MARTINEZ: ABSENT

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