MOTION

Local LAFD Station Commanders survey and identify areas that would create a problem for citizens if neighborhoods needed to evacuate, and for fire companies if they were entering areas during a fast moving brush fire. Station Commanders identify narrow roads, tight curves, and critical intersections that could create choke points. These areas are then reviewed by LAFD and LADOT to make sure the criteria for posting Red Flag area signs are correct.

Over the past ten years, the maximum number of Red Flag days in a given year was twelve and the normal range of Red Flag days per year is between four and seven. However, hillside areas are geographic locations that prove to be a consistent problem for emergency response vehicles to navigate in the exceptionally narrow streets in the case of any accident or major emergency.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Fire Department be instructed to study and report back on the feasibility of amending the Red Flag Warning to protect the numerous narrow substandard streets in these hillside neighborhoods located from the base of the Santa Monica Mountains to Griffith Park on the West, through the Hollywood Hills all the way to West Hollywood and West Los Angeles.

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