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Over recent years, the Fire Department (LAFD) has made great strides in delivering quality service in a timely manner across Los Angeles, which is even more impressive when the budgetary constraints faced by the Department during the Great Recession are taken into account. However, in some areas of Sylmar, residents have indicated that they are concerned with the length of response times to fire and emergency medical service calls. Given the history of disaster in the area, which experienced one of the most devastating fires in City history, residents of the area and the Sylmar Neighborhood Council are concerned that if response times are not reduced in the future, another disaster like the 2008 Sayre Fire will occur in the future.

The LAFD should be commended on its efforts to rebuild in recent years. However, the Department should also look into what long-term efforts can be undertaken to ensure that Sylmar does not continue to experience longer response times than other areas of the City in the future. This can include studying the feasibility of building a new fire station, an expansion of the current fire station, or other ways of ensuring that LAFD resources are available to quickly respond to emergency calls in the area.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Fire Department (LAFD) report on long-term solutions for reducing response times in the Sylmar area, including the feasibility of building a new fire station in the area, expanding Fire Station 91, or other ways to increase the resources available to respond to fire and emergency medical service calls in the area.

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