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Summary: On March 23, 2017, the Sylmar Neighborhood Council (SNC) voted to continue to support Council File #15-1252-S1. We support the identification of short-term, intermediate and long-term solutions to reduce emergency response times and increase fire protection facilities in our community. We respectfully request that these solutions include the construction of additional fire stations to better align Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) resources with our community's population and geography.

- Sylmar's population has grown significantly over the years, with little change in LAFD resources or staffing in our community. During that time, Sylmar's Station 91 assumed shared responsibility for fire protection services for the City of San Fernando after San Fernando closed their own fire department.
- Station 91's district serves one of the largest geographic areas within the entire City.
- Sylmar has had a long history of large-scale disasters and emergencies; The Sayre Fire in 2008 caused the worst loss of homes in the history of the City of Los Angeles.
- In 2006, Council File No 03-2160 discussed the possibility of building a Regional Fire Station to serve Sylmar and surrounding communities. It was noted that during the 5 years preceding the initial study on this project that the demand for service had increased by 29% in Sylmar. No station was built.
- In 2006, there was a groundbreaking ceremony for the intended construction of new Fire Station 31 in Sylmar. Construction was never commenced.
- Response times in areas of Sylmar are well over those experienced in other communities within the City and are not aligned with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards.