

## MOTION

On the afternoon of Friday, September 1, 2017, a wildfire erupted in the 10800 block of West La Tuna Canyon Road. As a result of erratic winds, the fire quickly grew to over 2,000 acres, and has now burned nearly 8,000 acres and destroyed five homes. Thanks to the efforts of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and its partners from across the State, the fire has been largely contained with no lives lost and only five properties destroyed. That the La Tuna Fire, the largest wildfire to break out in the City in over 50 years, did not result in deaths and hundreds of burned homes, speaks to the professionalism and work ethic of the LAFD and other fire departments who assisted in dealing with the blaze.

In the aftermath of the fire, the City needs to examine both the course of events during the fire and the best means to prepare the City's residents to deal with large-scale emergencies going forward, especially with respect to the evacuation of people and animals. Relevant City departments should also report on potential issues created by this fire, such as damage to critical infrastructure, the risk of landslides during the winter, and any other fire-related issues resulting from this incident.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the LAFD, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Emergency Management Department (EMD), the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Department of Transportation (DOT), be instructed to make a presentation to the City Council on the City's response to the La Tuna Fire and the evacuation process for the affected area, as well as the impacts this incident had on public infrastructure and any other relevant issues resulting from the fire, such as the potential for landslides and flooding.

I FURTHER MOVE that the DPW with the assistance of LAFD, LAPD, EMD, and DOT prepare a written report with recommendations for Council consideration on ways to mitigate the hazards created by this fire, such as landslides and flooding during the wet season, and any infrastructure needs to ensure that this area is able to recover from the fire in a timely manner.

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