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In 2006, the Fire Department (LAFD) and Department of Transportation (DOT) created a program to remove illegally parked vehicles in posted locations within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. This program allows the City to remove vehicles from the public right-of-way that create hazardous conditions on Red Flag Days, when the risk of brush fire is high. This program is designed to ensure that residents are not delayed while attempting to evacuate during a brush fire in their area, as well as to enable the LAFD to move equipment to the scene of the fire quickly. There are a number of areas in the City where this program is in use, and they include areas with very narrow roads, hairpin turns, tight curves, and key intersections that, if not cleared of vehicles, would create a choke point. The goal of this program is to educate the public on the potential hazards associated with a fast-moving brush fire, and the importance of keeping roadways clear and traffic moving.

However, brush fires are not the only threat that residents in the hills of Los Angeles face. Often, areas that have burned suffer mudslides during the subsequent rainy season. Many of the same issues that influenced the City's decision to implement the Red Flag Day program in Very High Fire Severity Zones are also present in these areas during periods when mudslides could occur. In order to mitigate the threat posed to life and property by mudslides, the City should establish a program to educate the public and ensure the public right-of-way is clear during times when mudslides could occur, modeled after the Red Flag Day program.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Transportation and Department of Public Works, with the assistance of the Fire Department and the Emergency Management Department, report on the steps necessary to create a program for ensuring that the public right-of-way is clear in areas that are at high risk of mudslides during weather events that could cause mudslides, similar to Red Flag Days. This report should identify high severity zones for mudslides, and include a plan to pre-position any resources needed to address mudslides and remove vehicles that create hazardous conditions on roadways. The program should also ensure the public is educated about the hazards associated with fast-moving mudslides, and the importance of keeping the public right-of-way clear and traffic moving in areas that could be affected by mudslides.

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