

MOTION

The past few weeks residents across the City experienced an extreme heatwave. The Department of Water and Power (DWP) revealed that on August 18th it was a record high for 2020 and the highest electricity demand since July 6th, 2018.

As a result, our office received hundreds of calls and emails from West Hills residents reporting power outages in their neighborhoods. Thousands of customers were affected throughout different neighborhoods and were left without power- some for more than 12 hours.

Residents have reported temperatures upward of 95-degrees inside their homes- a situation that is unhealthy and dangerous exposing vulnerable populations such as the elderly to the additional stress of trying to keep cool without air conditioning especially during the COVID-19 pandemic where residents are encouraged stay at home to slow the spread of the virus.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power (DWP) be requested to immediately report to Council on the causes of the recent outages, the actions taken to address the power outages, and the causes for delay in restoring power.

I FURTHER MOVE that the DWP report to the Council on the plan to help prevent further outages especially at this time during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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