

PUBLIC SAFETY

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A crucial element in the protection of public safety during an emergency incident is the timely release of accurate information and clear instructions to every affected community. Petroleum refineries can be susceptible to incidents that can have severe short- and long-term consequences for surrounding communities. This may include large explosions and fires that result in the release of highly hazardous chemicals. Currently, three petroleum refineries operate in the City of Los Angeles and are concentrated in the Wilmington community. The City must have the ability to reliably provide local residents with information that could save lives.

The risk is recognized by the State which, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §25536.6, requires that a local implementing agency develop an integrated alerting and notification system, in coordination with local agencies, to be used to notify the communities surrounding a petroleum refinery in the event of an incident. The costs to develop and maintain the system are to be collected by governmental agencies from petroleum refineries operating within their jurisdictions and passed along to the Local Implementing Agency.

The Fire Department is the City's Unified Program Agency and is prepared to assume the role of Local Implementing Agency for the development and maintenance of an integrated community alerting and notification system for petroleum refinery incidents but must be designated as such by the City Council prior to commencing the development of a petroleum refinery incident notification system.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council designate the Fire Department (LAFD) as the Local Implementing Agency for the City of Los Angeles as it pertains to the development and maintenance of an integrated community alerting and notification system for petroleum refinery incidents in accordance with California Health and Safety Code §25532 (d).

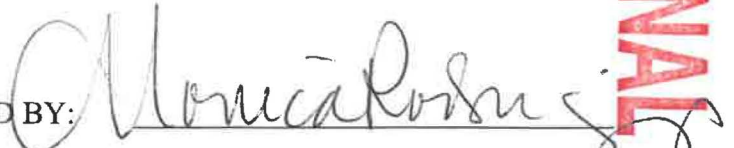
I FURTHER MOVE that the LAFD, with assistance from the City Administrative Officer, be instructed to report within 180 days on a fee schedule to recover the costs of developing and maintaining a petroleum refinery incident notification system from petroleum refineries that operate within the City in accordance with California Health and Safety Code §25536.6.

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