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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA Wednesday, Apr., 21 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

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1. Call to order
2. Establish Quorum
3. Approve minutes of Feb 17, 2021
4. Public Comment

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Discussion and possible action on CIS for Resolution, 21-0002-S56, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for S. 36 and H.R. 486, the “Kobe Bryant and Gianna Bryant Helicopter Safety Act”, which would require certain helicopters to be equipped with safety technologies, and for other purposes.
2. Discussion and possible action on CIS for CF 2-1213, DIRECT the Department of City Planning, with assistance from the EMD and other relevant departments, to update the Safety Element of the General Plan concurrent with the Housing Element update to address State and Local goals for climate adaptation and resilience; the update shall build upon the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and provide comprehensive climate vulnerability assessments that identify the unique risks climate change poses to the City and each of the Community Plan Areas to inform adaptive and resilient policies, objectives, and implementation measures.
3. Safety Tip of the Month
4. General discussion on any other Committee matters.
5. Meeting adjournment

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JOINT BOARD AND PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 6:30 PM–7:30 PM

Meeting by Zoom

- **Members Present:** Saif Mogri, Steve Randall, Brad Vanderhoof, Tony Searce, Faye Barta, Marie Javdani, Daniel Osztreicher, Tony Searce
 - **Others Attending:** Tariq El-Atrache, Jamie
1. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.
 2. Quorum established.
 3. Approval of December 16, 2020 Minutes
 - Minutes approved as amended.

Comments from Chair and Co-Chair

No Comments

4, Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Old Business

1. Discussion and possible action on approving a CIS on CF 20-0002-S2122, encouraging the City of LA asking the County of Los Angeles to eliminate sale and use of fireworks throughout the county of Los Angeles.

The CIS was approved unanimously.

New Business

2. Discussion and possible action on updating and possibly making changes to the Operating Rules of this committee

New members were added to the Committee. The new members are Marie Javdani and Daniel Osztreicher. The list needs to be updated on the West Hills NC website and the Operating Rules. There was a lot of discussion on item 11 of the Operating Rules. Steve Randall wondered when this was added to the Operating Rules. Steve Randall made a motion, seconded by Faye Barta, to table the update and changes to the Operating Rules. The motion did not pass with the tally, Yes 2 No 5 Abstain 1.

The vote to approve the changes as presented were approved with the understanding that item 11 will be discussed at the next meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Safety Tip of the Month

Saif presented a few electrical household safety tips and Tony Searce added several tips on the subject.

4. General Discussion on any other committee matters.

There was some discussion on the loud bangs in the middle of the night around Valley Circle.

10. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:23 PM

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2020, Angelenos suffered a devastating loss when basketball legend Kobe Bryant and his 13-year old daughter, Gianna Bryant; John and Keri Altobelli and their daughter Alyssa; Sarah Chester and her daughter, Payton; Christina Mauser; and Ara Zobayan were killed when their helicopter crashed near Calabasas, California; and

WHEREAS, upon investigation and inquiry, officials from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) stated that the impacted helicopter was not equipped with basic safety equipment such as a Flight Data Recorder (FDR), a Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR), or a Terrain Awareness and Warning System (TAWS); and

WHEREAS, these findings were made despite numerous NTSB investigations of helicopter accidents as far back as 2004, and recommendations to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that helicopters have basic safety equipment installed; and

WHEREAS, to date, the FAA has not acted on this and other NTSB recommendations intended to prevent future helicopter accidents; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein, Charles Schumer, Richard Blumenthal and Edward Markey, and U.S. Representative Brad Sherman have introduced the “Kobe Bryant and Gianna Bryant Helicopter Safety Act” (S. 36 and H.R. 486) to direct the FAA to issue regulations to implement the NTSB recommendations to equip “existing and new U.S.-registered turbine-powered rotor-craft certificated for 6 or more passenger seats...” with crash resistant systems; and

WHEREAS, to protect future passengers and to honor the memory and many contributions of Kobe Bryant and those who were lost on January 26, 2020, the City of Los Angeles should lend its support to S. 36 and H.R. 486 to enhance helicopter safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for S. 36 and H.R. 486, the “Kobe Bryant and Gianna Bryant Helicopter Safety Act”, which would require certain helicopters to be equipped with safety technologies, and for other purposes.

PRESENTED BY: Paul Koretz
 PAUL KORETZ
 Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY: Lauren Brief

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Committee Meeting Date: April 21, 2021

Board Meeting Date _____

File # :	21-0002-S56
Title :	The Kobe Bryant and Gianna Bryant Helicopter Safety Act / National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) / Safety Technologies
Type :	Resolution
City/State :	In support of Federal Legislation

Summary :	<p>Upon investigation and inquiry, officials from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) stated that the impacted helicopter was not equipped with basic safety equipment such as a Flight Data Recorder (FDR), a Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR), or a Terrain Awareness and Warning System (TAWS).</p> <p>U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein, Charles Schumer, Richard Blumenthal and Edward Markey, and U.S. Representative Brad Sherman have introduced the "Kobe Bryant and Gianna Bryant Helicopter Safety Act" (S. 36 and H.R. 486) to direct the FAA to issue regulations to implement the NTSB recommendations to equip "existing and new U.S.-registered turbine-powered rotor-craft certificated for 6 or more passenger seats..." with crash resistant systems</p>
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Motion :	<p>With the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for S. 36 and H.R. 486, the "Kobe Bryant and Gianna Bryant Helicopter Safety Act", which would require certain helicopters to be equipped with safety technologies, and for other purposes.</p>
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EP Position :	
Vote :	

"YES" Vote:	Means to support the Resolution for equipping helicopters with Safety Equipment.
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"NO" Vote:	Means not to support the Resolution to equip helicopters with Safety Equipment.
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PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to evacuation routes in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Bonin - Koretz):

1. DIRECT the Department of City Planning (CPD), with assistance from the Emergency Management Department (EMD), Los Angeles Department of Transportation, the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), and relevant departments, to report back on the capacity, safety, and viability of existing and potential evacuation routes in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and identify the policies and development standards, including land use and building restrictions, necessary to support these evacuation routes.
2. DIRECT the CPD, with assistance from the EMD, LAFD, and relevant departments, to amend the General Plan by incorporating the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and Office of Planning and Research's "Fire Hazard Planning" provisions into the Safety Element concurrent with the ongoing update of the Housing Element.
3. DIRECT the City Planning Commission, after reviewing the update to the Safety Element of the General Plan, to its report and recommendations to the City Council.
4. DIRECT the Department of City Planning, with assistance from the EMD and other relevant departments, to update the Safety Element of the General Plan concurrent with the Housing Element update to address State and Local goals for climate adaptation and resilience; the update shall build upon the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and provide comprehensive climate vulnerability assessments that identify the unique risks climate change poses to the City and each of the Community Plan Areas to inform adaptive and resilient policies, objectives, and implementation measures.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the City Administrative Officer has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

For: Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on November 5, 2020, the PLUM Committee considered a Motion (Bonin - Koretz) relative to evacuation routes in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. A Representative from Council District 11 provided comments and offered an amendment for the Committee's consideration. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to adopt the Motion as amended, as detailed above in recommendation No. 4. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	ABSENT
PRICE, JR.:	ABSENT
CEDILLO:	YES
LEE:	YES

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Committee Meeting Date: April 21, 2021

Board Meeting Date _____

File # :	20-1213
Title :	PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to evacuation routes in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.
Type :	
City/State :	City of Los Angeles

Summary :	<p>DIRECT the Department of City Planning (CPD), with assistance from the Emergency Management Department (EMD), Los Angeles Department of Transportation, the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), and relevant departments, to report back on the capacity, safety, and viability of existing and potential evacuation routes in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and identify the policies and development standards, including land use and building restrictions, necessary to support these evacuation routes.</p> <p>Whereas the hillside community of West Hills is located in very high fire hazard severity zones and because many of the most recent fires have started in these hillside communities, forcing evacuations in the early morning and late night hours, the community of West Hills requests to identify the policies and development standards to identify and support these evacuation routes.</p>
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Motion :	
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EP Position :	
Vote :	

“YES” Vote:	To request a report on the safety of evacuation routes for the community of West Hills
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“NO” Vote:	A Safe evacuation report for the hillsides of West Hills is not necessary.
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