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January 16, 2025

CD10 Councilwoman Heather Hutt  
City of Los Angeles  
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Dear Honorable Councilwoman Heather Hutt,

In light of the recent terror attack in New Orleans where car-ramming prevention bollards were not in use, the SORO NC requests that you direct your office to expedite our previous request for Bureau of Engineering Fast Track permit process. We are requesting that you make this a top priority due to the very recent FBI report warning of more car-ramming attacks.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Lynn  
President  
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

CC: Mayra Guevara  
CC: Terrence Gomes

Proposed CIS:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) firmly believes that the City of Los Angeles must take the report contained within CF 24-1600 seriously and immediately restore critical civilian positions and \$7 million reduction in Overtime Variable Staffing Hours that were eliminated from this fiscal year's LA City Budget. Of significant importance is the budget cuts' impact on the LAFD Community Emergency Response Team (LAFD CERT) program. The training that this program provides is vital to support the LAFD with advanced training of their Call Out Team members... as well as training ordinary citizens on disaster preparedness and resiliency so that they can render aid before, during and after an earthquake, fire, and other natural or manmade disasters.



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Mayor Karen Bass  
City of Los Angeles  
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City Councilmembers  
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200 N. Spring St.  
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Dear Mayor Bass and City Council Members,

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) firmly believes that the City of Los Angeles must take seriously the report contained within CF 24-1600, and immediately restore critical civilian positions and \$7 million reduction in Overtime Variable Staffing Hours that were eliminated from this fiscal year's LA City Budget.

Of significant importance is the budget cuts' impact on the LAFD Community Emergency Response Team (LAFD CERT) program. The LAFD CERT training is a vital program that not only supports the LAFD with their "call out team members with advanced training", ordinary citizens and neighbors, who are CERT trained on disaster preparedness and resiliency are able to render aid before, during and after an earthquake, fire, and other natural or manmade disasters.

As we all know, when (not if) another major earthquake was to strike the City of Los Angeles, LA City emergency resources will be directed to the epicenter of the disaster. The remainder of those tens of thousands (possibly hundreds of thousands) of Los Angelinos effected by a major disaster, but not in the epicenter of the destruction, are told to be prepared to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 72 hours to upwards of three weeks. This is where CERT trained community members step up and utilize their expert training provided by the LAFD to triage, rescue and provide first aid services to their community.

As the City of Los Angeles prepares for additional critical fire weather, we are relying on the National Guard, and other states and countries to fight the fires already raging devastation in the Pacific Palisades and other areas of Los Angeles to assist our own LAFD. When the critical needs are over, they will go back to their respective "home" and our underfunded LAFD will be left short of support, and funding.

The South Robertson Neighborhoods want you to continue funding CERT as this is a vital program needed to safeguard our community and all residents of the City of Los Angeles. The SORO NC urges the City to restore the funding and continue to fully support the LAFD CERT program without reductions - to meet the needs & desires of our city residents who are eager to receive this training and continue training as many community members as possible to become a more resilient city.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Lynn  
President  
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