

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION

Natural and man-made disasters pose a serious risk to the City and its residents, and serious disasters, such as a major earthquake or fire, could place significant strains on the City's first responders. In an effort to mitigate these risks, programs have been created to prepare for emergencies, and to provide emergency response training to residents. These programs include the Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and the Emergency Management Department's Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN) program.

Neighborhood Councils also play a significant role in emergency preparedness. A number have hosted emergency preparedness forums, emergency training sessions and other events. In addition, some Neighborhood Councils have expressed a desire to fund emergency preparedness supply caches. However, due to concerns about the ownership and placement of the caches, Neighborhood Councils have been unable to directly purchase and distribute similar units in their communities.

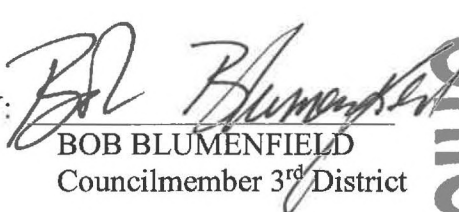
Cities such as Portland, Seattle and Berkeley have established programs to create resilience hubs where volunteers can partner with public safety agencies to respond and coordinate disaster recovery.

The Fire Department has recently implemented a pilot program where they store emergency supply caches at fire stations in order to provide CERT members with tools and supplies to complete assigned missions during an emergency. However, more can be done to provide essential supplies to residents following a major disaster, including the creation of supply caches that can be accessed for neighborhood responders during an emergency.

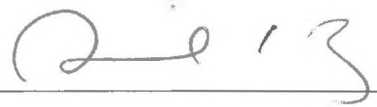
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Fire Department report on their CERT supply cache pilot and the necessary maintenance and replenishment of supplies within 60 days.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Fire Department, Emergency Management Department and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, with the assistance of the General Services Department and Recreation and Parks, report within 60 days on the creation of a pilot program to place cache units at City facilities within the boundaries of each Neighborhood Council in Council District 3. This report should provide options for Neighborhood Councils to purchase the caches, and possible metrics on determining the success of a pilot.

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