



COUNCILWOMAN  
**LENA GONZALEZ**

**Memorandum**

**Date:** August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez, 1<sup>st</sup> District *LG*  
Mayor Robert Garcia *RG*  
Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal, 2<sup>nd</sup> District *SL*  
Councilmember Roberto Uranga, 7<sup>th</sup> District *RU*

**Subject:** Emergency Preparedness

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**Requested Action:**

For the City Manager to provide a public briefing to Council on how the July 15<sup>th</sup> (and subsequent July 30<sup>th</sup> smaller event) major power outage was managed along with the types of communications received from SCE and also to provide updates to be discussed at the September 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting.

The briefing should include the following:

- The City's current plan – Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2014;
- Overview of Council and City department roles and responsibilities in a crisis, emergency or disaster;
- Exploration of city and legislative staff emergency response training (ex. CERT, Search and Rescue, etc..) other than what is written in the City Manager's Emergency Contact Booklet and the City employee online emergency training;
- Technology and outreach – current protocols and possibilities for future improvements.

**Background Information:**

On Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> the City of Long Beach, primarily Council Districts 1 and 2 suffered a massive Southern California Edison power outage for over three and half days due to two underground vault fires. This outage had a significant impact on residents including loss of food, time, health and money. While the city provided a well planned and executed response through the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) many residents are still reeling from the loss of electricity.

There was a tremendous outpouring of support from city staff, community organizations and individuals who stepped up to the plate to ensure that the most basic needs were met. However ensuring that we are all prepared no matter the situation is a must especially in a city wide event.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact.



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### REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

**Date:** August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**To:** Poonam Davis, Interim City Clerk

**From:** Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez  
Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal  
Councilmember Roberto Uranga

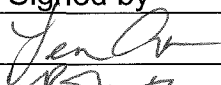
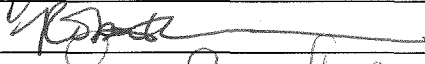
**Subject:** Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

#### Emergency Preparedness

Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lena Gonzalez	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Roberto Uranga	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Suja Lowenthal	