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The January 2025 wildfires that devastated Los Angeles reinforced the fundamental obligation to invest-in and properly maintain city infrastructure that is foundational to the preservation of life and safety. This includes the City’s network of more than 50,000 fire hydrants, which are inspected by the Los Angeles Fire Department but maintained by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

Recent reporting in the media has suggested that thousands of fire hydrants across the City, including in the Pacific Palisades and other High Fire Severity Zones may be in need of maintenance, repair or further inspection. The City must immediately understand the state of its fire hydrant network.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, in coordination with the Fire Department and Department of Water and Power (DWP), to report in 30 days with a comprehensive analysis of the Fire Department and DWP’s workflow for inspecting and repairing the City’s network of fire hydrants. The report should include but not be limited to the following:

- The number of fire hydrants inspected annually, in addition to the regularity of inspections, by the Fire Department.
- The number of fire hydrants repaired annually by the Department of Water and Power.
- The number of fire hydrants that are offline due to maintenance, repair or other issues.
- The number of fire hydrants that have been inspected but are still in need of repair or maintenance.
- Solutions to address issues related to Fire Department Connection and hydrant theft and vandalism.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the Department of Water to present a work plan to repair any fire hydrants that are found to be in need of repair or further maintenance based on the above analysis and complete any required work within 30 days of presentation.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, in coordination with the Fire Department and the Department of Water and Power, to report on the cost of replacing the City’s stock of 2.5-inch outlet fire hydrants with 4-inch outlet fire hydrants.

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