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ENGLANDER/GARCETTI SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO SECURE CITY'S CYBER INFRASTRUCTURE

LOS ANGELES—Today, Councilmember Mitchell Englander, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, and Mayor-Elect Eric Garcetti's submitted a proposal to create a Cyber security working group to secure the City's critical infrastructure systems against possible terrorist attacks.

According to the U.S. Department of Defense, Cyber attacks are the number one global security threat. This is the first time that Cyber attacks have been ranked above terrorism and organized crime in the Defense Department's annual assessment. The City of Los Angeles' key role in the global economy makes its digitally connected infrastructure a compelling target for Cyber attack.

Cyber attacks aimed at the critical network infrastructure of the City of Los Angeles such as the Department of Water and Power, the Port of Los Angeles, Los Angeles International Airport, the Department of Transportation, Police, Fire, and Sanitation, could create financial chaos, shut down critical services, and put lives at risk.

"In light of recent national and international events in Russia, Israel and China, and as technology continues to become more and more advanced, we must be constantly vigilant that our core services are protected," said Councilmember Englander. "These attackers do not walk through airport security and they can affect thousands people's daily lives over an extended period of time. It is critically important that we evaluate the security of our Cyber network infrastructure and provide the City of Los Angeles resources to protect it's citizens."

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