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## **ENGLANDER STATEMENT ON DECISION TO HALT FIRE DEPARTMENT RECRUITING PROCESS**

LOS ANGELES—Today Councilmember Mitchell Englander, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, released the following statement regarding the decision by Mayor Eric Garcetti to halt the Los Angeles Fire Department's recruiting process:

“Given that the previous hiring process was contaminated, I fully support the decision to bring in experts to rework the LAFD hiring process such that it reflects the City of Los Angeles and ensures that the most qualified individuals are hired to protect our City and its residents,” said Councilmember Mitchell Englander, Chair of the Public Safety Committee. “In the end, this will only strengthen the fabric of our Fire Department.”

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