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On December 16, 2015, a construction worker died in a terrible accident at the site of a new library being built in the South Whittier area. I applaud our County Fire Department and other first responders, who arrived immediately and moved quickly to ensure no further incidents would occur. I would also like to note that Department of Mental Health staff were called to the scene to provide grief counseling to the construction workers who may have witnessed this tragic incident. While there are ample safety procedures in place to significantly mitigate the chances that terrible accidents such as this one do not occur, we must ensure that clear protocols are in place so that mental health services are readily available in the rare event they do occur.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Chief Executive Officer work with the Departments of Mental Health, Public Works and Internal Services as well as the Community Development Commission on protocols for mental health services for critical incidents at construction sites and report back in 30 days.

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