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## **INCREASING JEWISH COMMUNITY SAFETY THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY (ITEM NO. 12, AGENDA OF JANUARY 23, 2024)**

On January 23, 2024, the Board of Supervisors instructed the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), to report back in 120 days to develop and increase community safety throughout Los Angeles County (County). OEM has been working in collaboration with County partners and external subject matter experts to assess and update protocols and procedures to enhance a unified response to incidents of mass violence in the County. The following initiatives were established to accomplish the goal.

### **Community Safety and Planning**

OEM, along with public safety and emergency management partners, conducted an analysis of current public-facing information to ensure it addresses concepts of resiliency, planning, and safety throughout the County.

The US Department of Homeland Security – Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), in partnership with other federal, state, and local organizations, provides guidance and resources to inform faith-based organizations, houses of worship, and high-risk community organizations with security-based decisions. The available resources, which provide building blocks for effective safety and security programs include a guide, a self-assessment tool, trainings, exercises, and other materials focused on a wide range of human-made/created



threats (e.g., bombing, active shooter, vehicle ramming, etc.). These resources can be accessed by visiting CISA's website at [www.cisa.gov](http://www.cisa.gov).

The County provides all-hazard and all-risk guidance and resources through the Ready LA County program. The 5-Step Emergency Action Kit (5-Step) is part of a suite of resources that support the development of community plans. In combination with the Emergency Survival Guide and Stay Safe, Stay in Control, the 5-Step builds on individual and household preparedness and supports creating safety networks in our communities.

The 5-Step provides a model of community resiliency that is flexible, applies to all-hazards and utilizes inclusive planning principles for residents with disabilities and others with access and functional needs; those from culturally and ethnically diverse backgrounds; and people with limited English proficiency. The Guide is available in print and electronic format in English, Spanish, and Chinese at [www.Ready.lacounty.gov](http://www.Ready.lacounty.gov).

### **Watch Center Mass Violence Response**

OEM operates a 24/7 Watch Center at the County Emergency Operations Center, in coordination with the Sheriff's Department and LA County Fire Department, where staff monitor events and emergency situations countywide. When an event occurs, staff can immediately contact, coordinate, and respond, if necessary, to assist with the response and recovery efforts at an incident. OEM has also developed a Mass Violence Hazard Standard Operating Procedures that establishes notification protocols and necessary actions to gather timely and accurate information. It also details coordination efforts between the County and external partners for mass violence events.

### **Alert and Warning**

The OEM Watch Center has protocols and resources to support timely notifications to residents impacted by emergency incidents. Using mass notification tools, including wireless emergency alerts, OEM amplifies emergency messaging for residents.

### **Mass Violence Work Group**

OEM convened a Mass Violence Work Group (MVWG) in 2022 to address coordination and planning in response to incidents of mass violence. The MVWG re-convened in February 2023 to assess and evaluate response to the Lunar New Year Incident. The MVWG is actively working to create a Response and Recovery

Plan that identifies key members in the County and includes how state and Federal resources support our residents in a mass violence incident. Members include:

- Los Angeles County Aging & Disabilities Department
- Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services- Disability and Civil Rights
- Los Angeles County District Attorney- Victim Witness Assistance Program
- Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity
- Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency
- Los Angeles County Fire Department
- Los Angeles County Human Resources
- Los Angeles County Medical Examiner
- Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
- Los Angeles County Office of Education
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health-Office of Violence Prevention
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services
- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- American Red Cross
- Cal OES Funds Way Makers
- California Office of Emergency Services
- California Victim Compensation Board
- Disaster Management Area Coordinator- Area D
- Emergency Network Los Angeles (ENLA)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Small Business Administration

### **Mass Violence Prevention Symposium**

With the goal of building on the successes of past efforts and activities, OEM and County partners continue to participate in training and educational activities that build both capability and capacity to prepare, plan, respond and recover from all-hazards. For example, on October 26, 2023, OEM, in collaboration with the Naval Postgraduate School Centers for Homeland Defense and Security, hosted a forum addressing Mass Violence Preparedness and Prevention.

Bringing together subject matter experts and leaders from around the country, the forum focused on the roles of local officials in the prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery from mass violence events. More than 80 agencies were in attendance, including County departments, federal, state and city agencies,

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non-government organizations, faith-based organizations, and agencies representing individuals with disabilities, access, and functional needs.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me or Kevin McGowan, Director, Office of Emergency Management at (323) 980-2261 or [kmcgowan@ceooem.lacounty.gov](mailto:kmcgowan@ceooem.lacounty.gov).

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