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AGN. NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Los Angeles County Fire Department**

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department (Fire Department) celebrated its historic 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023. From the Fire Department's humble beginnings in 1923 to becoming a premier fire agency acclaimed for its national reputation and commitment to hometown attentiveness, the Fire Department has left an indelible mark on the world. Their collective accomplishments have not only shaped the fire service but have also touched the lives of countless individuals.

To commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and to honor our hardworking members of the present and past, the Fire Department had partnered with the Los Angeles County Fire Department Foundation (Fire Foundation) to host a Centennial Celebration. The Centennial Celebration was previously scheduled for December 7, 2023, but due to the Fire Foundation's "delinquent" status by the California Department of Justice and its effect on donations raised for the Centennial Celebration, it was postponed, subject to rescheduling.

The Fire Department remains committed to honoring its hardworking members with the Centennial Celebration, so the event is now being scheduled for December 2024. For

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the Centennial Celebration to take place, the Fire Department needed a new partner to process donations for the event and the Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Foundation (LAEPF) is prepared to help. The LAEPF is a 501(c)(3) organization and is in good standing with the Department of Justice's Registry of Charities and Fundraisers. There are no Fire Department or County employees on its board. The Fire Department currently has a Memorandum of Agreement with the LAEPF for the operation of the Community Brigade Pilot Program in Supervisorial District 3, which was approved on October 17, 2023. The LAEPF has been a pivotal partner to the Fire Department for community outreach and education in preparing local communities for major disasters.

The LAEPF will provide support for the Centennial Celebration by receiving donor funds and disbursing funds related to the costs of the Centennial Celebration. The LAEPF's willingness to assist the Fire Department in celebrating an important milestone is appreciated. The total administrative fee to be collected by the LAPF to handle the receipt and disbursement responsibilities will not exceed one percent of the donor funds.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Fire Chief to execute an agreement with the Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Foundation (LAEPF) allowing for the LAEPF to manage the receipt and disbursement of donated funds necessary to conduct and support the Fire Department's Centennial Celebration, with an administrative fee not to exceed one percent of the collected donor funds and approved as to form by County Counsel.
2. Authorize the Fire Chief to execute a facilities use agreement and/or an event contract with the venue to host the Centennial Celebration.

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