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Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES
COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 3 – ADVISORY COMMISSIONS
AND COMMITTEES, CHAPTER 3.20, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
COMMISSION
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

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SUBJECT

Request approval to amend the Los Angeles County (LA County) Code of Ordinances, Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees, Chapter 3.20, Emergency Medical Services Commission, Section 3.20.040 – Composition.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Approve and adopt the attached Ordinance (Exhibit A) Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees, Chapter 3.20, Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMS Commission), to amend the provisions relating to Section 3.20.040 – Composition, to update the names of certain nominating agencies as registered with the California Secretary of State, and require that the nominating agency's nominee either be working, or practicing, in LA County.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

LA County Code of Ordinances Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees, Chapter 3.20, Emergency Medical Services Commission establishes the member composition for the EMS Commission and identifies the state or local agencies responsible for nominating representatives. Approval of this recommendation will amend the Ordinance to update the names of certain nominating agencies. The amendment will also establish a direct connection between the nominee and the interest of LA County residents by mandating that the nominee work or practice within LA County. This requirement guarantees that nominees have direct experience with LA County's emergency medical services network.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports North Star 3-E, " Data-Driven Decision Making" and North Star 3-G "Internal Controls and Processes" of LA County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The EMS Commission members serve without compensation; therefore, this recommendation will have no fiscal impact.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

LA County Code section 3.20.040 was originally enacted in 1942 and has undergone several amendments since that time. On April 7, 1981, the Board of Supervisors approved and adopted Ordinance 12332 which established an EMS Commission in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Sections 1797.270, 1797.272, 1797.274, and 1797.276.

At various times thereafter, LA County Code section 3.20.040 has been amended to, for example: change one nominating agency for another when the former ceased to exist; add seats on the EMS Commission nominated by the LA Area Fire Chiefs' Association; and add a trauma surgeon who practices in LA County at a designated trauma center and nominated by the Southern California Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

The EMS Commission, in consultation with the Department of Health Services, has determined that updating the names of, or changing nominating agencies, and adding nominee requirements to either work or practice in LA County better serves its goals, and follows current industry trends to allow insight from active emergency medical care personnel and firefighting professionals.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved Exhibit A.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Not applicable.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Ordinance will enhance the EMS Commission's knowledge base through discussion and input from public representation and professionals related to emergency medical care and issues impacting LA County.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
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County of Los Angeles

April 8, 2024

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RE: **Ordinance Amending Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees
Relating to the Emergency Medical Services Commission and Modifying
the Composition of its Representatives**

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Dear Dr. Ghaly:

Enclosed for your consideration is the analysis and ordinance amending Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code. The proposed ordinance requires certain commission members to practice and/or work in the County of Los Angeles, and updates other organization and nomination requirements, as requested by your Department.

The analysis and ordinance may be presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Very truly yours,

DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

By 
GEORGINA GLAVIANO
Deputy County Counsel

APPROVED AND RELEASED:



JUDY W. WHITEHURST
Chief Deputy


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Enclosure

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Section 3.20.040 of Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to the Emergency Medical Services Commission, to require certain commission members to practice and/or work in the County of Los Angeles, and to update other organization and nomination requirements.

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Requested: 10/10/2023
Revised 04/5/2024

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Section 3.20.040 of Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to the Emergency Medical Services Commission, to require certain commission members to practice and/or work in the County of Los Angeles, and to update other organization and nomination requirements.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3.20.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.20.040 Composition.

The ~~€~~Commission shall be composed as follows:

A. Qualifications.

~~1.~~ 1. An emergency medical care physician who practices in Los Angeles County in a paramedic base hospital and is nominated by the California Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians;

~~B2.~~ B2. A ~~cardiologist~~ physician who practices in Los Angeles County and is nominated by the American Heart Association, Western States ~~Affiliate~~ Region;

~~C3.~~ C3. A Los Angeles County certified mobile intensive care nurse nominated by the ~~California~~ Greater Los Angeles County Chapter of the Emergency ~~Department~~ Nurses Association California State Council;

~~D4.~~ D4. A hospital administrator who works in Los Angeles County and is nominated by the ~~Healthcare~~ Hospital Association of Southern California;

~~E~~5. A ~~representative of a public provider agency~~fire chief nominated ~~by~~from the ~~membership of the Los Angeles Chapter~~Area of California-Fire Chiefs Association;

~~F~~6. A representative of a ~~private provider agency~~Los Angeles County licensed ambulance service provider nominated by the ~~Los Angeles County~~Southern California Ambulance Association;

~~G~~7. A trauma surgeon who practices in Los Angeles County at a designated trauma center nominated by the Southern California Chapter American College of Surgeons;

~~H~~8. A psychiatrist who practices in Los Angeles County and is nominated by the Southern California Psychiatric Society;

~~I~~9. A physician who practices in Los Angeles County and is nominated by ~~the~~The Los Angeles County Medical Association;

~~J~~10. A licensed paramedic who works in Los Angeles County and is nominated by the ~~California State Firefighters Association, Emergency Medical Services Committee;~~California Professional Firefighters;

~~K~~11. Five public members, one nominated by each member of the Board of Supervisors. No public member shall be a medical professional or affiliated with any of the other nominating agencies;

~~L~~12. A law enforcement representative nominated initially by the California Highway Patrol. After the first term of office for this position is completed, the law enforcement representative shall be nominated by the Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers' Association;

~~M~~13. A city manager nominated by the League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Chapter;

~~N~~14. A police chief nominated by from the membership of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association;

~~O~~15. A representative who works in Los Angeles County and is nominated by the Southern California Public Health Association.

B. Effective Date. Changes to the qualifications of Commission Members in Section 3.20.040 shall take effect upon the new term or new appointment of a Commission Member.

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