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Board of Supervisors Staff Emergency Communications Plan

Throughout the Third Supervisorial District, there are a high level of natural disasters that impact communities. From mudslides and earthquakes to fires and floods, the Third District experiences year-round incidents that require County staff to provide support in a timely manner. Recently, communities within the County experienced the January 2025 wildfires, propelled by hurricane-force winds, low humidity and dry brush, that burned over 20,000 acres and resulted in a loss of power for multiple days.

During these incidents of natural disaster, it is common for there to be a loss of power due to a public service power shut offs (PSPS) or damage to electrical infrastructure. During these events, Board of Supervisor (BOS) offices are the information and resource hub for communities in need to navigate access to resources and secure critical aid. Currently, under such circumstances, there is no reliable system for BOS staff to report to the County that they are safe and whether or not they are able to report in for work when cellular and internet connections are down. Due to the experiences in the recent January 2025 wildfires, there is a need to establish a reliable system that can be used during emergencies to support BOS staff and communicate effectively with our impacted cities and communities.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office's Office of Emergency Management, with the assistance of the Los Angeles County Internal Services Department and in coordination with the Board of Supervisors Executive Office, report back in 90 days on best practices and protocols for BOS staff to communicate with internal and external stakeholders, including cities, during emergency response activities, including in a widespread cellular and internet outage. The report, as a first step, should include a system or process for BOS staff to report in for work during an emergency, under a variety of scenarios. Such a system or process shall be based on emergency management best practices, including the resources and equipment necessary to stay in communication with all stakeholders.

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