City of Loma Linda Official Report

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COUNCIL AGENDA: April 13, 2004

TO: City Council

VIA: Dennis R. Halloway, City Manager

FROM: Rolland M. Crawford, Director of Public Safety/Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Appointment of Members to Citizen Corps Council

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council: Appoint members to the Citizen Corps Council according to the attached list.

BACKGROUND

At the December 16, 2003 Council Meeting, approval was given for the establishment of a Citizen Corps Council as initiated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 2002. The Citizen Corps Program brings together leaders from law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, emergency management, volunteer organizations, and the private sector to provide oversight for involving citizens in emergency planning and response, homeland security, promoting family preparedness and safety through public education and outreach, training opportunities, and volunteer programs. The components of the Citizen Corps Program are: Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Neighborhood Watch Programs, Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). The Citizen Corps Council will ultimately provide management oversight and support for the various citizen volunteer programs within the City.

ANALYSIS

The purpose of the Citizen Corps Council is to designate decision makers who will come to the table to manage existing volunteer resources, to leverage mutually supportive endeavors among the represented groups, and to direct overall local plans to implement Citizen Corps in the community. By design, all Citizen Corps Councils are be administered by a public safety agency, such as law or fire. In Loma Linda's case, administration will be provided by the Department of Public Safety.

Following appointment of members to the Council, a letter will be forwarded to the Operational Area (OA) lead agency, the San Bernardino County Offices of Emergency Services, indicating the makeup of Loma Linda's Citizen Corps Council. Upon determination by the OA lead agency that the Council formation has met the prescribed council member guidelines, they will inform us to that effect. We will then submit a resolution approved by the City Council that will be kept on file with the OA. This will complete the steps required for the City to qualify for receiving FEMA grant monies to support our programs.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Establishment of the Council is a step in the enabling actions required by FEMA, in order to receive Federal grant funds designated for CERT and other volunteer programs.

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ATTACHMENT

Recommended list of members to be appointed to the Loma Linda Citizen Corps Council:

1. Chamber of Commerce Representative: Phil Joley (President, representing the Business Community).
2. Citizen Volunteer Representative: Norm Meyer (retired City Council Member, member and participant in the City's RACES program).
3. Community At Large Representative: Dick Wiley (long-time participant in City volunteer activities).
4. Federal Institutions Representative: Lucy Rebuck (acting head of Safety Office, Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Administration Medical Center).
5. Private Institutions Representative: Ehren Ngo (Program Director for the Emergency Medical Care Program, LLU, representing LLUAHSC).
6. Private Schools Representative: L. Roo McKenzie (head Principal, Loma Linda Academy).
7. Public Schools Representative: David Rigalado (Principal of Bryn Mawr School).
8. Department of Public Safety Representative: Rolland Crawford (Director of Public Safety/Fire Chief).
9. Sheriff's Department Representative: Hector Guerra (Sheriff's Lieutenant).