



**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (shermanoaksnc.org)

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Los Angeles Fire Commission
Los Angeles City Council and its Committees

SONC Supports LAFD CERT Program & Against Proposed Cuts or Reassignments

To Fire Commission and City Council,

SONC at its November 18, 2024 meeting adopted the following motion in support of the LAFD CERT program in a unanimous 15-0 vote. The motion was brought about because of concerns with proposed cuts to the CERT program. SONC supports CERT and is against these proposed cuts. See the following motion:

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) strongly supports the successful LAFD Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. The CERT program trains community volunteers in best practices and how to respond in the event of earthquakes and other disasters. CERT trained volunteers are prepared to help themselves, their neighbors and their communities when an emergency happens, thus allowing the LAFD to concentrate their efforts in highest-need areas. CERT volunteers also consistently support the LAFD's responses to their routine duties. SONC requests that the CERT training courses scheduled for Jan-Mar 2025 be fully supported.

SONC recommends and encourages the Fire Commission and the City Council to fund and support the continuation of the CERT Program.

Thank you for your attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

With Pride and Determination—

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