

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

October 12, 2011

Agenda Item #8

MOTION:

The (Neighborhood Council name) supports the concept of the Neighborhood Team Program (NTP), an emergency support program organized through the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD). Under the Neighborhood Team Program community members who have taken the CERT training volunteer as NTP Team Leaders, organizing and providing direction to other neighborhood residents in preparing for and responding to emergencies such as earthquake or major fire.

Discussion:

If a big earthquake or major fire hits the City of Los Angeles, police, fire and medical organizations will be overloaded and unable to respond to neighborhoods, in some cases for days.

Under the NTP, Team Leaders recruit volunteers (both CERT-trained and not) to become part of a neighborhood based unit. Some very basic training and exercises are employed to prepare and organize personnel to function as a team. This program will also help spread the word about emergency preparedness to the community as a whole.

The NTP is being piloted in LAFD Battalion 18 and is currently in the recruiting and organizing phase. Having the support of the (name of Neighborhood Council) would help in the recruitment of volunteers.