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While the major citywide power outage of September 12, 2005, has become a focus for understanding system-wide vulnerabilities in the Department of Water and Power's electrical system, recent localized power outages have paralyzed various City neighborhoods, with some neighborhoods experiencing repeated blackouts.

In December 2005, the Brentwood community suffered through four different power outages within one week in December, with one outage lasting thirty-five hours. Homes, businesses, schools, libraries and churches were all shut down as frustrated residents waited hours for the power to come back on. Each subsequent outage compounded the community's frustration.

On January 6, 2006, the communities of Venice and Mar Vista spent eleven hours in the dark. Residents who called to inquire about the outage were given vague answers and no timeline for when the power would be back on.

The outages darken homes, businesses and traffic signals. Every blackout causes both commerce and traffic to grind to a halt. Our residents are put at risk every time the power goes out. This is unacceptable and inexcusable.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council request the Department of Water and Power prepare a report for the Commerce, Energy, and Natural Resources Committee within 30 days detailing how many localized blackouts have occurred in the City since September 2005, identifying whether there are certain neighborhoods that seem to experience blackouts with unusual frequency, identifying the major causes of the blackouts, and identifying steps that could be taken to reduce the number of blackouts in the future, and in particular to address power stability in City neighborhoods which seem most susceptible to frequent blackouts.

I FURTHER MOVE that Council request the Department of Water and Power prepare a report for the Commerce, Energy, and Natural Resources Committee within 30 days, proposing a method for ensuring that communities and their Council representatives are kept fully informed about blackouts and the status and schedule for repairs.

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