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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMAN GREIG SMITH

Councilman Smith Introduces Legislation That Would Require Leadership Training for the Fire Department

Los Angeles – Councilman Greig Smith introduced a motion Wednesday, November 29, calling on the City to provide specialized leadership training for the Los Angeles Fire Department’s command structure to deal with issues of harassment, discrimination and inappropriate behavior.

“Racial and sexual discrimination, pranks and hazing have no place in our Fire Department,” Councilman Smith said. “We need the best possible leadership in order to change the fire house culture that has led to this kind of behavior.”

Councilman Smith’s motion points out that the Fire Department could benefit greatly from the kind of training that the Los Angeles Police Department provides various segments of its command structure.

The Police Department offers leadership training at U.S. Military Academy at West Point and FBI Leadership Institute in order to ensure the highest possible quality of leadership. It has proven to be invaluable for increasing the professionalism of management and enhancing its ability to reduce improper activities among the rank and file.

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