



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 16, 2004

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: WESTSIDE HEALTH ASSESSMENT

DATE: AUGUST 9, 2004

FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT/ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: JAMES M. ELLIS, FIRE CHIEF

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RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and File Report.

BACKGROUND:

At the City Council Meeting held October 20, 2003, a request was made by a member of the public for a study to ascertain "possible" health care issues on the West Side of Costa Mesa. The City Council requested the Fire Department perform an investigation relative to this matter. The Fire Department organized a Task Force and, after review of documents from various health and environmental agencies, prepared a synopsis of their findings.

ANALYSIS:

Some of the information the Task Force was able to obtain and review, proved to be technically sophisticated, however despite a limited level of training and experience the Task Force determined that there was not any documentation found, nor reason or incident, which would substantiate an alleged increased cause for cancer in the City of Costa Mesa.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

To hire an outside agency specializing in this type of research.

FISCAL REVIEW:

There is no fiscal impact for this item.

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5:00 p.m.