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Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz Introduces Motion Calling on the City's Building Inspectors to Report on Safety of City's High Rise Buildings

Los Angeles, CA – July 30, 2021-- Following the tragic collapse of the Champlain Towers South condominium tower in Surfside, Florida that killed 98 people, Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz introduced a motion today seeking to ensure the safety and structural integrity of high-rise buildings in the City of LA.

The legislation instructs the Department of Building and Safety with the assistance of the Bureau of Engineering Department and Fire Department to prepare a report on existing inspection protocols for high-rise buildings, best practices for their inspection, and steps that can be taken to prevent the type of tragic event that occurred in Surfside, and to prepare a map that identifies the location of all high-rise buildings in the City, and the dates of their most recent structural inspections or reviews, with particular concentration on Century City; Downtown; and the Wilshire corridor.

“The devastation endured by the families and friends who lost loved ones last month in Miami is not something we should ever see here in Los Angeles,” said Councilmember Koretz. “While Miami officials are still investigating the cause of the collapse of the Surfside condos, we here in Los Angeles need to look at our own high-rises to determine if there are any structural, geological or environmental factors that could compromise their safety.”

The motion now heads to the City's Planning and Land Use Management Committee for consideration.

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