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Located primarily in the East San Fernando Valley, Council District Six has a population of over 275,000 and is comprised of various communities with many attributes that our residents are proud of: family-friendly neighborhoods, cultural diversity, and a number of beautiful landmarks. In particular, Downtown Van Nuys has a number of historic cultural monuments, including the Van Nuys Municipal Building, the Old Van Nuys Library, and the Van Nuys Women's Club Building which make it one of the main centers of the entire San Fernando Valley.

However, along with the many improvements that have been made in Downtown Van Nuys, there are some challenges which, if left unaddressed, may become increasingly difficult to solve. According to community residents and statistics from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), some of the more immediate challenges facing the area are robbery, burglary, and theft from motor vehicles. While portions of the area are undergoing a resurgence and revitalization, pockets of criminal activity threaten to derail the community's overall progress and welfare.

To comprehensively address these community concerns, a Public Safety Improvement Plan ("Improvement Plan") should be developed as a mechanism to identify gaps in policies, services, and improvements in the specific geographic area. The Improvement Plan should identify City and community resources to address these gaps and maximize law enforcement and community resources. The Improvement Plan should focus on the Downtown Van Nuys along Van Nuys Boulevard North of Oxnard Street, East of Kester Avenue, South of Gilmore Street, and West of Hazeltine Avenue.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department, in consultation with Council District Six, be instructed to develop the Downtown Van Nuys Public Safety Improvement Plan to address public safety and quality of life issues in Downtown Van Nuys.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department provide the Downtown Van Nuys Public Safety Improvement Plan within 90 days to the Public Safety Committee detailing the number of reported and documented crimes in the geographic location, how resources have been allocated to address the community's public safety concerns, how the Department is partnering with other City and County entities as well as community-based agencies, and benchmarks for measurable outcomes.

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