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The Department of Recreation and Parks maintains and coordinates active, passive and community driven recreation across Los Angeles. From maintaining world class locations such as the Greek Theater and the Griffith Observatory, to local parks, recreation centers, pools and other amenities, the Department of Recreation and Parks has a particular mandate to work with youth, parents and seniors.

The Clean and Safe Spaces program (CLASS) began in 2000 with three main goals: youth and community development, park safety and facility improvement. Designed to help youth build their self-confidence as they explore new opportunities, the program consists of neighborhood and civic participation, active recreation, field trips for cultural and informative purposes and the option to participate in vocational or university based internship programs.

Over the past few years, the City has witnessed a recurrence of violence that involves both those in or out of gang life. As mentioned in CF: 15-1118 MOTION HARRIS-DAWSON – PRICE – WESSON, out of the 39 individuals who lost their lives in the month of August, over half were residents of South L.A. – victims of gang violence, whether associated or not. As the City continues to work towards safer neighborhoods and streets, it is imperative that the Department of Recreation and Parks evaluate and report on the potential expansion and improvement of the CLASS parks program. The Department report should include immediate and long-term recommendations to increase and enhance the program, including the use and collection of data, collaboration between agencies and the inclusion into the Department’s three year strategic plan.

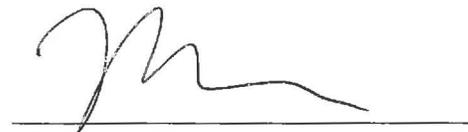
WE THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the assistance of the City Administrative Office, Chief Legislative Analyst, Los Angeles Police Department, and other departments as necessary, be DIRECTED to report on the Clean and Safe Spaces (CLASS) program services delivered, by Council Districts, and provide background information as to the collaboration with the Los Angeles Police Department and the Gang Reduction and Youth Development Program with options to improve and expand the program.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Council REQUEST the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners to evaluate this proposal and work with the Council on the expansion and improvement of the CLASS parks program throughout the City.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be DIRECTED to include the funding feasibility of this request in the City’s Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget process.

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