

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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To: Budget and Finance Committee

From: Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr., City Administrative Officer Subject: **POLICE – EXPAND “THROUGH OUR EYES” PROGRAM TO ALL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP SITES (BUDGET MOTION 39 – C.F. 20-0600-S39)****RECOMMENDATION**

Hold this item in the Budget and Finance Committee until the Committee has considered redirecting resources from the Police Department to other priorities.

DISCUSSION

Budget Motion Number 39 requests the 2020-21 Budget be amended to expand the Police Department’s “Through our Eyes” partnership program to all Community Safety Partnership sites and identify additional youth-serving organizations to build similar engagement and relationship-based programs by adding funding (\$100,000) to the Police Department’s budget.

The “Through our Eyes” program consists of workshops developed by teen leaders from Legacy LA, a community based non-profit organization focused on youth development, to address tensions between teens and law enforcement. Trained Legacy LA youth leaders and LAPD Community Safety Partnership police officers conduct each 2.5-hour workshop. The Community Safety Partnership program operates in Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles public housing sites and City parks with the goal of fostering relationships with residents, supporting community and youth programs, addressing quality of life issues, and developing programs to address and reduce violent crimes.

If the City Council takes action to redirect resources that the 2020-21 Budget appropriates to the Los Angeles Police Department to disadvantaged communities and communities of color (C.F. 20-0692), it may identify these programs as potential recipients for funding. In light of the City’s current economic condition and the uncertainty of revenues in 2020-21, absent this redirection of resources, this Office does not recommend that the City Council take an action to identify funding for this purpose.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation to hold this Budget Motion for further discussion will have no fiscal impact. If the Motion is approved, the 2020-21 Budget would fall out of balance by \$100,000 unless resources from other budget appropriations are redirected.

FINANCIAL POLICY COMPLIANCE

The recommendation in this report complies with the City’s Financial Policies.

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