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Illegal dumping remains a persistent issue across the City of Los Angeles, affecting neighborhoods in every district. In the wake of the recent 2025 wildfires, my office has experienced a surge in complaints regarding illegal dumping throughout the district, further exacerbating existing concerns about public health, safety, and environmental degradation.

The Bureau of Sanitation (LA Sanitation and Environment, LASAN) is responsible for identifying and investigating individuals and businesses engaged in illegal dumping. While LASAN issues citations as a deterrent, many violators merely treat these fines as a routine cost of doing business, undermining the intended enforcement efforts.

Additionally, LASAN provides critical evidence to the City Attorney's Office for prosecution. However, with limited staffing, LASAN's capacity to address illegal dumping citywide is constrained. Between 2020 and 2022, LASAN issued approximately 1,200 citations, yet only 39 cases were referred to the City Attorney for prosecution—highlighting the need for stronger enforcement measures.

To ensure that penalties serve as an effective deterrent, the City of Los Angeles must reassess its current fines for illegal dumping and align them with regional standards.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council directs the Bureau of Sanitation and City Attorney, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, and Chief Legislative Analyst, to report back with recommendations for increasing fines for illegal dumping to enhance enforcement efforts and deter future violations.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney to report back on the feasibility of pursuing misdemeanor charges for illegal dumping violations, depending on the severity and frequency of the offense.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, in coordination with the Bureau of Sanitation, City Attorney, and Bureau of Contract Administration to report back on the feasibility of prohibiting businesses found guilty of illegal dumping from receiving City contracts or participating in government-funded projects.

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