

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: LA must be a city where, whenever you call for help, someone shows up, and it's the right person to respond to your issue. That means we need officers available for urgent public safety threats, but also trained crisis responders who can respond quickly to calls in every neighborhood. That is how we build a sense of trust and safety in the City. LA has invested in unarmed response programs for non-violent crises since 2020, with two pilot programs - CIRCLE and UMCR - now operating in various neighborhoods across the region. These effective programs have successfully diverted thousands of non-emergency calls from armed police response to trained unarmed responders and saved police nearly 7,000 hours of patrol time so they can focus on traditional law enforcement efforts. While unarmed crisis response offers a real and tested solution, large parts of the city still remain without unarmed response coverage, which means that whether your neighborhood gets this kind of help depends on your zip code. We must create a single citywide system of unarmed crisis prevention that would result in greater usage, more calls being diverted, police time being spent on actual police work, cost savings to our public safety system, and the right person showing up when you call for help. I want to see this program expanded citywide. Every neighborhood deserves access to this proven, effective approach to public safety - let's make it happen.