

REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Date: February 6, 2026

CAO File No. 0220-06372-0000
Council File No. 25-0607
Council District: All

To: The City Council
The Mayor

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer



Subject: **RESOURCES NEEDED TO MAINTAIN CUSTODY CARE FACILITIES**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Transfer \$980,000 from the Unappropriated Balance 100/58, Account No. 580196 Reserve for Mid-Year Adjustments to the Personnel Department in the following account to fund resources needed to continue operating the City's three jail medical dispensaries:

<u>Fund/Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100/66	001070, Salaries As-Needed	<u>\$ 980,000</u>
	Total:	\$ 980,000

2. Authorize the City Administrative Officer to make technical corrections as necessary to the transaction included in this report to implement Mayor and Council intentions.

SUMMARY

The Personnel Department (Department) Medical Services Division (MSD) operates medical dispensaries to support individuals in custody at three City jail sites including at the Metropolitan Detention Center, Van Nuys Jail, and 77th Street Regional Jail. A combination of full-time and as-needed staff is traditionally utilized to effectively meet the level of medical staff required for care. As a result of 2025-26 budget reductions in the Department's Salaries, As-Needed Account, the Department states that it may be unable to continue operations at the three City jail medical dispensaries, which would result in consolidating medical dispensary services into a single jail site.

The 2025-26 Budget includes a total of 36 full-time medical staff including one Physician I, seven Advance Practice Providers, 22 Correctional Nurse IIs, and six Correctional Nurse IIIs. The 2025-26 Budget also provides a total of \$2.26 million in the Salaries, As-Needed Account, which is a reduction of \$1.57 million from the prior year 2024-25 Budget (\$3.83 million). The 2025-26 Budget for the Salaries, As-Needed Account provides funding for several Department programs

including Custody Medical Care (\$1,310,540), Public Safety Employment (\$327,032), and all other divisions (\$622,610).

On October 9, 2025, Council approved a recommendation from the Public Safety Committee instructing the CAO to identify adequate funding to keep all three jail medical dispensaries open for the full 2025-26 fiscal year (C.F. 25-0607). As part of the Second Financial Status Report (FSR; C.F. 25-0600-S129), the Mayor and Council provides additional funding in the Salaries, As-Needed Account (\$550,000) to continue operating all three jail medical dispensaries through February 2026. This was an interim measure to maintain operational capacity while the Department and this Office work together on a more comprehensive recommendation and solution. Further, Council subsequently authorized additional funding in the Salaries, As-Needed Account (\$200,000) as part of its consideration of an interim request to support Police additional hiring (C.F. 25-0600-S129).

As of January 10, 2026 the Salaries, As-Needed Account expenditures total \$2.1 million consisting of Custody Medical Care (\$1.5 million) and various programs (\$0.6 million). Currently, the projection for year-end expenditures is \$4.1 million consisting of Custody Medical Care (\$2.8 million) and other programs (\$1.3 million), resulting in overspending of \$1.09 million driven primarily by the Custody Medical Care (\$0.98 million) and retroactive payments for prior fiscal years within various programs (\$0.11 million). The following table highlights the Department's 2025-26 Salaries, As-Needed Account expenditures and projected year-end overspending in Custody Medical Care and other programs:

2025-26 Personnel Department Salaries, As-Needed Account							
Program	Fund	2025-26 Adopted Budget	Interim Transfers	Total Adjusted Budget	Expenditures as of 1/10/26	Total Projected Year-End Expenditures	Projected Year-End Balance
Public Safety Employment	General Fund	\$327,032	\$200,000	\$527,032	\$230,534	\$527,032	\$ -
Employee Selection *	General Fund, Special Fund	374,393	-	374,393	137,160	374,393	-
Custody Medical Care **	General Fund	1,310,540	550,000	1,860,540	1,514,896	2,840,540	(980,000)
Various programs	General Fund	248,217	-	248,217	197,937	363,022	(114,805)
TOTAL		\$ 2,260,182	\$ 750,000	\$ 3,010,182	\$2,080,527	\$4,104,987	\$(1,094,805)

* \$250,000 is reimbursed by the Department of Water and Power

** Includes Occupational Health program costs.

Based on the currently available funding, the Department anticipates depleting its Salaries, As-Needed Account by the end of February 2026. Without sufficient funding for as-needed salary costs, the Department anticipates it will need to consolidate its jail medical dispensary operations into one location and close two of the three jail medical dispensaries by the end of February

2026. In support of the current Custody Medical Care program and to continue operating the three jail medical dispensaries during the full 2025-26 fiscal year, this Office recommends transferring \$980,000 from the Unappropriated Balance 100/58, Account No. 580196 Reserve for Mid-Year Adjustments to the Personnel Department Salaries, As-Needed Account. The Department supports the proposed recommendation in this report and has provided further details on an attached informational report dated February 5, 2026 (Attachment A) that discusses the custody medical care requirements and the potential impacts if two medical dispensaries are closed. We will continue to work with the Department to monitor its expenditures in this account and report in the Year-End FSR with recommendations to address the remaining projected overspending.

In addition to this interim request, the Department submitted two separate 2026-27 budget requests to support anticipated staff requirements in the jail medical dispensaries. The requests provide funding for a total of three new positions consisting of two new Advance Practice Providers and one new Correctional Nurse II (subject to pay grade determination by the Office of the City Administrative Officer, Employee Relations Division). These additional resources will be considered as part of the 2026-27 budget development process.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the proposed recommendations will result in a transfer from Unappropriated Balance, Reserve for Mid-Year Adjustments (General Fund) to the Personnel Department's operating budget in the amount of \$980,000. This transfer is anticipated to fully resolve the Department's projected Custody Medical Care Salaries, As-Needed overspending.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies as the recommended transactions use budgeted funds to support current operations.

Attachment A: Personnel Department report dated February 5, 2026

MWS:KS:11260074

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Date: February 5, 2026

To: The City Council
The Mayor

From: Malaika Billups, General Manager, Personnel Department 

Subject: **COUNCIL FILE NO. 25-0607 – LAPD DETENTION FACILITIES CLINICS CLOSURES**

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council receive and file this informational report.

BACKGROUND

In the FY 2025-26 Personnel Department Adopted Budget, four full-time positions in the Custody Medical Care Program – consisting of one Managing Physician, two Advance Practice Providers, and one Correctional Nurse – were deleted. In addition to the deletion of these full-time positions, the Personnel Department's Salaries, As-Needed budget was reduced by \$1.57 million from \$3.83 million in FY 2024-25 to \$2.26 million, a decrease of approximately 41% from the prior fiscal year. This reduction, coupled with the full-time position deletions, eliminated the Personnel Department, Medical Services Division's (MSD) ability to keep the City's three jail dispensaries open on a 24/7 basis for the full fiscal year. Without the requisite full-time staff, MSD relies heavily on as-needed staffing (physicians, nurses, clerical staff) to operate the three jail dispensaries. If no additional funding were provided, two of the three jail dispensaries would not be able to meet minimal staffing levels and would be expected to close in 2026.

As part of the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget, Council instructed the Personnel Department and the Police Department to report to the Personnel and Hiring and Public Safety Committees on the feasibility of transferring to or consolidating the Custody Medical Care Program with the Police Department (C.F. 25-0600-S97).

On June 18, 2025, the Personnel and Hiring Committee considered a Motion (Raman – McOsker) relative to the impact of shutting down medical services at the 77th Street and Van Nuys LAPD Detention Facilities. On the same date, the Public Safety Committee also considered the matter. Both Committees adopted a recommendation instructing the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and Personnel Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report back on the impact of shutting down medical services at the 77th Street and Van Nuys LAPD Detention Facilities (C.F. 25-0607).

On June 27, 2025, the City Council approved the joint recommendation by the Personnel and Hiring and Public Safety Committees.

On August 19, 2025, LAPD staff presented a report to the Board of Police Commissioners regarding the detrimental impact of closing the jail dispensaries. The report included a fact sheet regarding the number of bookings, percentage of bookings requiring medical attention, transportation and wait times, and impacts on health and well being. The Personnel Department's

Medical Services Division staff also presented on the medical care process conducted in the jail dispensaries at the Board of Police Commissioners meeting. The Board of Police Commissioners approved the LAPD report (Attachment 1) and submitted it to the City Council.

On October 9, 2025, Council approved the following recommendations from the Public Safety Committee:

1. Note and file the Board of Police Commissioners report dated August 27, 2025, relative to medical services at Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) jail facilities; and
2. Instruct the CAO to identify funding to keep the 77th Street and Van Nuys LAPD Detention Facilities open with adequate staff to maintain service.

This report addresses the operational impacts and liability risks that would result if two of the three jail dispensaries were to close without additional funding (C.F. 25-0607). The CAO's report includes a recommendation to provide additional funding to keep all three jail dispensaries open until the end of the current fiscal year, June 30, 2026. A separate report addressing the feasibility of transferring to or consolidating the Custody Medical Care Program with the Police Department, is forthcoming for further discussion in the Personnel and Hiring and Public Safety Committees (C.F. 25-0600-S97).

DISCUSSION

Legal Requirement to Provide Medical Services to Detainees

The City is required to provide both emergency and essential health services to individuals in custody, as mandated by Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations, Article 11. Medical/Mental Health Services.¹

Annual audits are conducted under the auspices of the State of California Department of Corrections in compliance with Title 15. The inspection process includes medical record audits, site inspections, staff interviews, and observation of the delivery of care. The Personnel Department's Medical Services Division is responsible for delivering this care to those persons detained by the LAPD. City jails are Type I jail facilities – they confine individuals for a maximum of 96 hours following booking. Before arrestees can be booked, medical staff must first examine them and clear them for booking.

¹State of California, Board of State and Community Corrections, Title 15, Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 4, Article 11, §1200(a) (effective January 1, 2023), 57: § 1200. Responsibility for Health Care Services.

(a) In Type I, II, III and IV facilities, the facility administrator shall have the responsibility to ensure provision of emergency and basic health care services to all incarcerated persons. Medical, dental, and mental health matters involving clinical judgments are the sole province of the responsible qualified health care professionals, dentist, and psychiatrist or psychologist respectively; however, security regulations applicable to facility personnel also apply to health personnel.

Each facility shall have at least one physician available. In Type IV facilities, compliance may be attained by providing access into the community; however, in such cases, there shall be a written plan for the treatment, transfer, or referral in the event of an emergency. (<https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/Adult-T15-Effective-1.1.2023-Full-Text.pdf>)

MSD operates three jail dispensaries on a 24/7 basis at the 77th Street and Van Nuys jails, as well as the Metropolitan Detention Center. To maintain minimum staffing levels to operate the jail dispensaries, Personnel uses a combination of full-time and As-Needed positions, including Physicians, Advance Practice Providers, Correctional Nurses, and Relief Nurses to appropriately staff the dispensaries. Without the requisite full-time staff, MSD relies heavily on as-needed staffing (physicians, nurses, clerical staff) to operate the three jail dispensaries.

Dispensary Closure Impacts

The projected deficit in the Personnel Department, Salaries, As-Needed Account to keep all three jail dispensaries open through June 30, 2026 is approximately \$980,000. The Personnel Department and the CAO have been working to develop a more comprehensive solution to offset this deficit. In October 2025, the Personnel Department and LAPD conducted two tours for CAO staff to observe the operations of the medical care dispensaries at the Van Nuys and the Metropolitan Detention Center facilities and to learn about the impacts of current staffing and potential dispensary closures. These impacts are outlined below:

Impact on **Arrestees** of Closing Two Jail Dispensaries and Consolidating Services at One Jail Dispensary

- Delays in receiving essential medical care due to longer transport times to another jail further away.
- Increased chance of sustaining severe injury and possible death due to delayed care, thereby increasing liability risk to the City.

Impact on **LAPD** of Closing Two Jail Dispensaries and Consolidating Services at One Jail Dispensary

- Increased travel time to transport arrestees from jails further in proximity from the location of the arrest.
- Increased wait time required to book an arrestee due to an increased concentration of arrestees at a single location.
- The augmented travel and wait time result in:
 - Increased overtime costs for the department
 - Fewer patrol officers on the street for a longer period

Impact on the **Personnel Department** of Closing Two Jail Dispensaries and Consolidating Services at One Jail Dispensary

- Staff would have sufficient resources and funding to deliver care, leading to a decrease in as-needed staffing expenditures.

Although maintaining the current funding structure would result in resource consolidation and cost savings for the Personnel Department (and up front cost savings for the City), the above impacts on arrestees and LAPD staff far outweigh any savings from consolidating all three jail dispensaries. The detrimental operational impact on LAPD, including increased overtime costs, fewer available officers on patrol, and the increased liability risk should any of the jail dispensaries close cannot be overstated. The costs of these impacts and risks would surely exceed any cost savings from consolidating to one jail dispensary. To avoid these risks and impacts, and to fully address the remaining deficit of resources necessary to keep all three jail dispensaries open until June 30, 2026, the CAO has recommended a transfer of \$980,000 from the Unappropriated

Balance, Reserve for Mid-Year Adjustments Account. The Personnel Department supports this recommendation.

CONCLUSION

The Personnel Department's Medical Services Division is dedicated to delivering high-quality medical care to individuals in the custody of the Los Angeles Police Department. However, it currently lacks the budgeted resources to maintain a 24/7 operation of three jail dispensaries in FY 2025-26. While a transfer of \$550,000 provided in the FY 2025-26 Second Financial Status Report temporarily paused an imminent closure, without additional funding provided, two of the three jail dispensaries would be anticipated to close in the Spring of 2026. The Personnel Department supports the CAO's recommendation to fully resolve the deficit by transferring \$980,000 to the Personnel Department's Salaries, As-Needed Account. A fuller detailed report addressing the efficacy of sustaining operations at three jail dispensaries while the City continues to experience significant budget challenges, including the feasibility of transferring to or consolidating the Custody Medical Care Program with the Police Department, is forthcoming for further discussion in the Personnel and Hiring and Public Safety Committees (C.F. 25-0600-S97).

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August 27, 2025

BPC #25-208

The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles, Room 395
c/o City Clerk's Office
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: MEDICAL SERVICES AT DEPARTMENT JAIL FACILITIES.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, the Board APPROVED the Department's report regarding the above-referenced matter.

Accordingly, this report is respectfully submitted for your consideration and approval.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Munoz".

REBECCA MUNOZ
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

August 13, 2025

1.1

TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: MEDICAL SERVICES AT DEPARTMENT JAIL FACILITIES

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners APPROVE and TRANSMIT to City Council.

DISCUSSION

As part of a challenging 2025-2026 budget process, the Personnel Department's Medical Services Division sustained cuts as a result of as-needed salary fund reductions. In an effort to absorb these reductions while preserving other critical public safety services and staff, Personnel Department has proposed suspending medical services at the 77th Street Regional Jail Section (RJS) and Valley Jail Section (VJS) facilities.

On June 27, 2025, the City Council adopted the attached report (Council File No. 25-0607) from the Personnel and Hiring and Public Safety Committees relative to the impact of shutting down medical services at the 77th RJS and VJS. The report instructs the Department and Personnel Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer to report within 30 days on the impact of shutting down medical services at the 77th RJS and VJS as outlined below:

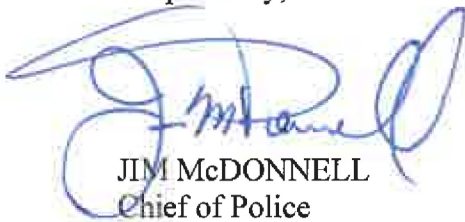
- Potential impacts on the health and well-being of individuals in Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) custody;
- The impact of clinic closures on wait times and service provision at the remaining medical facility at the Metropolitan Jail Section (MJS) facility;
- Potential strategies for improving recruitment and retention of medical personnel within the Medical Services Division, including but not limited to salary adjustments and related incentives;
- A cost analysis of maintaining all three in-house medical clinics versus relying on contract providers and expanded LAPD custody transportation services; and,
- Impact of officers out of the field for transport to the MJS.

The proposed budget reduction would close the medical dispensaries at VJS and 77th RJS, leaving the medical dispensary at Metropolitan Jail Section (MJS) as the sole remaining medical dispensary to service the total population of arrestees made by not only the Department, but also by the other agencies with which the Department has Memoranda of Agreement (MOA).

Attached is a Fact Sheet with details surrounding the impact of the proposed changes. The closure of medical dispensaries at the VJS and 77th RJS poses significant operational, logistical, and public safety challenges for the Department and ultimately increases liability for the City. Centralizing all medical treatment at MJS would increase police officer transportation and wait times, delay bookings, and reduce the already limited number of officers available for patrol. These impacts would not only strain CSD but also degrade overall public safety across the City.

If you have any questions, please contact Captain III Anthony Otero, Commanding Officer, Custody Services Division, at (213) 356-3450.

Respectfully,



JIM McDONNELL
Chief of Police

BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Approved *August 19, 2025*
Secretary *Rebecca Muñoz*

Attachments

FACT SHEET

PURPOSE

On June 18, 2025, the Personnel and Hiring Committee and Public Safety Committee (Committees) considered a Motion (Raman – McOsker) on the impact of shutting down medical services at the 77th Street Jail Section (77th RJS) and Valley Jail Section (VJS), per Council File No. 25-0607.

To address budget reductions, the City of Los Angeles' Personnel Department has considered drastically reducing the staffing for medical services at two of the three regional jails operated by the Department. The proposed budget reduction would close the medical dispensaries at VJS and 77th RJS, leaving the medical dispensary at Metropolitan Jail Section (MJS) as the sole remaining medical dispensary to service the total population of arrestees made by not only the Department, but also by the other agencies with which the Department has Memoranda of Agreement (MOA).

BACKGROUND

Below are the total bookings for each regional jail for calendar years 2023 and 2024. In addition, there is a breakdown of the number of arrestees who required medical treatment (MT). Each section saw an increase in the number of arrestees that required MT from the previous calendar year. This increase in the need for medical attention by arrestees has been continuous and thus far it is anticipated that the overall numbers for 2025 will surpass those from 2024.

Calendar Year 2023

	MJS	VJS	77th RJS	All
Total Bookings	14,230	15,617	11,758	41,605
Requiring MT	11,449	9,517	7,504	28,470
Percentage Requiring MT	80.5%	60.9%	63.8%	68.4%

Calendar Year 2024

	MJS	VJS	77th RJS	All
Total Bookings	14,566	15,639	12,940	43,145
Requiring MT	12,269	10,194	7,793	30,256
Percentage Requiring MT	84.2%	65.2%	60.2%	70.1%

In 2024, over 70 percent of arrestees required some level of medical treatment prior to completion of the booking process. While in custody, a vast majority of these individuals also required a form of follow-up attention from medical staff that consists of either a physical checkup and/or the distribution of medication. While these follow-ups take place, the medical booking process is halted, which in turn causes an unavoidable delay in the booking process.

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The proposed closures of the medical dispensaries at VJS and 77th RJS, while having MJS as the only detention facility with a medical dispensary, will have numerous negative effects on the overall operation of CSD and the Department as a whole.

Transportation and Wait Times

The booking process is structured and can take several hours to complete. It requires numerous steps to ensure the safety of officers and arrestees, and if done improperly, can affect the outcome of criminal charges against the individual or result in liability for the Department and the City. According to CSD, a booking that takes 40 minutes or more has exceeded the booking threshold time and is documented. When officers make an arrest, the general process is as follows:

- The Arrestee is transported to the station of the geographic Area of arrest;
- The Arrestee is presented to the watch commander and the officers generate a Booking Approval;
- If the arrestee meets the criteria for a strip search, one is conducted to ensure no contraband enters the jail;
- If the arrestee has property of any kind at the time of the arrest, it must then be itemized and prepared to be taken to the jail;
- The arrestee is taken to one of the three CSD facilities for booking;
- If the arrestee requires medical attention, takes medication, or has pre-existing conditions, they must visit the medical dispensary so they can receive treatment and ensure their medical needs are met while housed at the facility; and,
- After being cleared by Personnel Department's medical staff, arrestees can be booked at the facility.

The negative impact of closing the medical dispensaries at two CSD locations would further delay this process. When feasible, the Department will send officers from the next watch to replace the officers at the jail facility to alleviate further overtime. If officers need to transport an arrestee to a contract hospital in place of the jail dispensary, it would cause further delays in the booking process and would be an additional cost to the City. That strain would also be felt by the Los Angeles Fire Department and contract hospitals. If officers are spending excessive time waiting at the medical dispensary, they will be out of the field longer and unable to respond to calls for service. This results in fewer officers available to provide public safety services and would further strain response times Citywide.

Prolonged interactions with combative arrestees due to extended wait times at MJS could escalate an already volatile situation. This could lead to a potential use of force or a medical emergency. It is not uncommon for arrestees to resist walking upon arrival at the jail or to become combative, as they may see this moment as their last chance to refuse cooperation, attempt to flee, or fight before entering the facility.

Recently, MJS has had to suspend operations due to security concerns stemming from large-scale federal protests occurring in the downtown area. If a natural disaster, such as an earthquake, were to strike the area, the lack of additional locations to accommodate arrestees with medical

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conditions would have serious consequences. With upcoming major events like the World Cup in 2026 and the Summer Olympics in 2028, the City can anticipate a significant increase in protests aimed at drawing attention from these events. Additionally, the influx of visitors from around the world may result in an above-average number of arrests, which MJS may struggle to manage, especially if it were the only medical dispensary operated by the Personnel Department in the City.

The Motor Transport Division (MTD) has reported an unprecedented number of out-of-service patrol vehicles. Currently, there are 100 MTD personnel to manage these vehicles effectively. Officers who are required to stay overtime to handle arrestees with medical needs would keep their patrol vehicles out of the field, which would cause an additional shortage of vehicles available for the next watch. Additionally, the limited parking availability at and around MJS could increase the risk of vandalism to patrol vehicles if officers park on the street.

Officers assigned to Operations-Valley Bureau and Operations-South Bureau will need to traverse from their respective bureaus to MJS to process and book their arrestees. This increased distance and associated traffic will contribute to the overall time that the arresting/booking officers are out of service. For example, officers traveling from Topanga Station would have an estimated one-hour drive to MJS rather than the 30-minute drive to VJS, and an officer from Harbor Station would have a 45-minute drive to MJS instead of a 20-minute drive to 77th RJS.

Approximately 70 percent of arrestees required medical treatment in 2024. Historically, medical wait times have overwhelmingly been a paramount cause for delayed arresting and booking times. This significant citywide influx of arrestees to MJS will effectively double wait times for arresting/booking officers, as a “bottleneck” effect will logically slow the processing of arrestees who need medical attention. Ultimately, the MJS dispensary is simply not able to accommodate the influx of almost 18,000 additional arrestees needing medical attention.

Bookings that Exceeded Threshold Time (40 Minutes) – Due to Medical

Year	Total	Medical
2023	158	121 (76.5%)
2024	135	85 (63%)
Deployment Period 1 – Deployment Period 6, 2025	117	56 (48%)

Impacts on Health and Well Being

The medical staff at City jails are Personnel Department employees. The Department does not hire or manage these personnel and are unable to control the pay and benefits associated with the positions. The State of California Board of State and Community Corrections regulates the adherence to Title 15 Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities. As such, Article 11, Subsection 1200, of Title 15, defines “Responsibility for Health Care Services.” This section states that “each facility shall have at least one physician available to treat physical disorders.” Without maintaining medical staff from the Personnel Department at each location, the facility is out of compliance with state mandates. By adhering to this requirement, CSD has been able to

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provide medical services at all three regional jails to arrestees who declare a medical condition and those who need emergency medical assistance while waiting for the arrival of paramedics. During these incidents, the assigned medical staff provide lifesaving services that have proven to be the difference in preserving life in a critical moment. This includes instances of saving the lives of Department employees, which recently occurred at 77th RJS.

CONCLUSION

The proposed closure of medical dispensaries at the VJS and 77th RJS poses significant operational, logistical, and public safety challenges for the Department and ultimately increases liability for the City. Centralizing all medical treatment at MJS would increase police officer transportation and wait times, delay bookings, and reduce the already limited number of officers available for patrol. These impacts would not only strain CSD but also degrade overall public safety across the City. Given the continued rising need for medical care among arrestees, maintaining decentralized medical services provided by trained medical professionals from the City's Personnel Department would ensure compliance with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, efficient use of police resources, and most importantly, ensuring the safety and responsible care of those in custody.

PERSONNEL AND HIRING

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION

During the 2024 calendar year, 70.1% of individuals placed into custody at city-run detention facilities required medical attention. This translates to thousands of individuals receiving care from medical professionals, highlighting the critical role these providers play in maintaining public safety and the health and well-being of the 43,000 individuals who are processed through the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) detention system each year. These medical professionals provide essential and sometimes lifesaving care to individuals, ensuring that urgent needs are being met. In order to manage the high volume of detainees in need of medical resources, the Medical Services Division housed within the Personnel Department currently operates three 24-hour medical clinics at each of the city's detention facilities: 77th Street, Van Nuys, and Metropolitan.

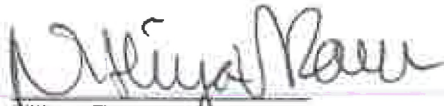
As part of a challenging 2025-2026 budget process, the Personnel Department's Medical Services Division sustained cuts as a result of as-needed salary fund reductions. In an effort to absorb these reductions while preserving other critical public safety services and staff, the Division has proposed suspending medical services at the 77th Street and Van Nuys Detention Facilities.

The loss of these clinics is not just likely to impact the well-being and quality of care of individuals in the care of LAPD, but could also increase overall costs in a number of ways. Following implementation of the proposed changes, arrestees arriving at the Van Nuys and 77th Street detention facilities who require medical attention will need to be transported to the Metro Detention facility in Downtown Los Angeles stretching thin our already understaffed sworn personnel or be seen by a contract medical provider which comes at a high price to the city exacerbating existing budgetary constraints. Furthermore, these positions have historically been difficult to retain due to more competitive salaries for qualified individuals being available elsewhere.

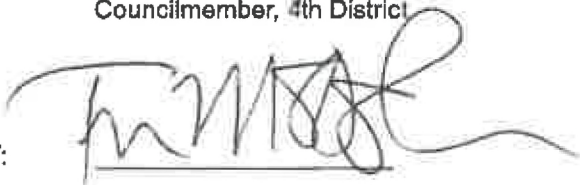
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and Personnel Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report to the City Council within 30 days on the impact of shutting down medical services at the 77th Street and Van Nuys LAPD Detention Facilities that includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Potential impacts on the health and well-being of individuals in LAPD custody;
2. The impact of clinic closures on wait times and service provision at the remaining medical facility at the Metropolitan Detention Facility;
3. Potential strategies for improving recruitment and retention of medical personnel within the Medical Services Division, including but not limited to salary adjustments and related incentives;
4. A cost analysis of maintaining all three in-house medical clinics versus relying on contract providers and expanded LAPD custody transportation services; and
5. Impact of officers out of the field for transport to the Metro Detention Facility.

PRESENTED BY:


Nithya Raman
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:





JUN 04 2025

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PERSONNEL AND HIRING and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES REPORT relative to the impact of shutting down medical services at the 77th Street and Van Nuys Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Detention Facilities.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Raman – McOsker):

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and Personnel Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report within 30 days on the impact of shutting down medical services at the 77th Street and Van Nuys LAPD Detention Facilities that includes but is not limited to the following:

- a. Potential impacts on the health and well-being of individuals in LAPD custody.
- b. The impact of clinic closures on wait times and service provision at the remaining medical facility at the Metropolitan Detention Facility.
- c. Potential strategies for improving recruitment and retention of medical personnel within the Medical Services Division, including but not limited to salary adjustments and related incentives.
- d. A cost analysis of maintaining all three in-house medical clinics versus relying on contract providers and expanded LAPD custody transportation services.
- e. Impact of officers out of the field for transport to the Metro Detention Facility.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the CIFD. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On June 18, 2025, the Personnel and Hiring (PH) Committee considered a Motion (Raman – McOsker) relative to the impact of shutting down medical services at the 77th Street and Van Nuys LAPD Detention Facilities. According to the Motion, during the 2024 calendar year, 70.1% of individuals placed into custody at City-run detention facilities required medical attention. This translates to thousands of individuals receiving care from medical professionals, highlighting the critical role these providers play in maintaining public safety and the health and well-being of the 43,000 individuals who are processed through the LAPD detention system each year. These medical professionals provide essential and sometimes lifesaving care to individuals, ensuring that urgent needs are being met.

In order to manage the high volume of detainees in need of medical resources, the Medical Services Division housed within the Personnel Department currently operates

three 24-hour medical clinics at each of the city's detention facilities: 77th Street, Van Nuys, and Metropolitan. As part of a challenging 2025-2026 budget process, the Personnel Department's Medical Services Division sustained cuts as a result of as-needed salary fund reductions. In an effort to absorb these reductions while preserving other critical public safety services and staff, the Division has proposed suspending medical services at the 77th Street and Van Nuys Detention Facilities.

The loss of these clinics is not just likely to impact the well-being and quality of care of individuals in the care of LAPD, but could also increase overall costs in a number of ways. Following implementation of the proposed changes, arrestees arriving at the Van Nuys and 77th Street detention facilities who require medical attention will need to be transported to the Metro Detention facility in Downtown Los Angeles stretching thin our already understaffed sworn personnel or be seen by a contract medical provider which comes at a high price to the city exacerbating existing budgetary constraints. Furthermore, these positions have historically been difficult to retain due to more competitive salaries for qualified individuals being available elsewhere. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the PH Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion.

Subsequently, also on June 18, 2025, the Public Safety (PS) Committee also considered this matter. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the PS Committee moved to concur with the PH Committee. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Personnel and Hiring Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

McOSKER:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
HUTT:	YES

Public Safety Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

LEE:	YES
PRICE:	ABSENT
McOSKER:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES
PARK:	YES

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