

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

Recommendations for Council action, 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:

Fund/Department No. 100/66, Account No. 1070 Salaries As-Needed: \$980,000

2. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to make technical corrections as necessary to the transaction included in this report to implement Mayor and Council intentions.
3. INSTRUCT the Personnel Department Medical Services Division (MSD), with the assistance of other relevant City entities, to work with the appropriate Los Angeles County entities to coordinate the Multi-Disciplinary Teams to address acute medical needs of individuals in LAPD custody.
4. INSTRUCT the MSD to work with the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to co-locate LAFD resources with LAPD jail facilities to provide medical services for individuals in LAPD custody.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that 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 CAO reports that the recommendations contained in the February 6, 2026 CAO report, attached to the Council File, comply with the City's Financial Policies as the recommended transactions use budgeted funds to support current operations.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(The Public Safety Committee waived consideration of the above matter.)

Summary:

On February 13, 2026, your Committee considered a February 6, 2026 CAO report relative to the impact of shutting down medical services at the 77th Street and Van Nuys

LAPD Detention Facilities. According to the CAO, the Personnel Department 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 Personnel Department's 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 (Council File No. 25-0607). As part of the Second Financial Status Report (FSR; Council File No. 25-0600-S129), the Mayor and Council provided 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 the CAO 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 (Council File No. 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). A table included in the CAO report highlights the Department's 2025-26 Salaries, As-Needed Account expenditures and projected year-end overspending in Custody Medical Care and other programs.

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, the CAO is recommending the transfer of \$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 and has commented on this issue in Attachment A to the CAO report in its discussion of the custody medical care requirements and the potential impacts if two medical dispensaries are closed.

The CAO 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 CAO, Employee Relations Division). These additional resources will be considered as part of the 2026-27 budget development process.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the CAO report along with additional recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Personnel and Hiring Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

McOSKER:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
HUTT:	YES

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