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One of the longest-running community safety programs the City of Los Angeles has invested in is the Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (“GRYD”), founded in 2007 by then-Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, focusing on care, prevention, and intervention. For the past 18 years, GRYD has proven violence interruption and de-escalation to be powerful, effective ways to create safety and prevent situations from becoming out of control.

Since GRYD’s inception, the City has taken further steps toward a care-driven approach, as opposed to traditional enforcement. We now have multiple unarmed crisis response programs, and we have utilized resources such as graffiti abatement to prevent gang escalation, as well as measures like speed tables and protected bike lanes to prevent traffic violence.

Increasingly, the City has embraced the idea of public safety as more than law enforcement and traditional emergency response. In this time when the Federal government is deploying its law enforcement and military resources to attack our immigrant communities and sow fear, distrust, and chaos, we must embrace even more deeply a holistic view of public and community safety.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) report within 3 days with an accounting of all de-escalation and violence interruption resources at the City of Los Angeles’s disposal, including existing trainings and service provision contracts. The report should also provide recommendations on how best to redeploy those resources to meet the needs of Angelenos during the recent deployment of Federal agencies.

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