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Illegal dumping represents a significant and escalating challenge for the City of Los Angeles. In the first two months of 2025, Los Angeles received 22,046 reports of illegal dumping—an increase of 36% over the same period in 2024. This represents the highest count for this timeframe since at least 2018.

Illegal dumping encompasses the unauthorized disposal of waste materials on public or private property not designated for such purposes. Under California Penal Code § 374.3, illegal dumping includes disposing of waste matter on public roads, highways, rights-of-way, private property without consent, or in public parks not designated for waste disposal. This problem extends beyond simple littering, typically involving larger quantities of waste—usually defined as anything over 15 pounds or 27 cubic feet—and encompasses construction debris, hazardous materials, electronics, medical waste, and automotive parts.

The City recently closed a nearly \$1 billion budget deficit through careful resource management and strategic agreements with labor partners. Despite successfully averting all planned civil service layoffs for fiscal year 2025-26, the City continues to face resource constraints that require innovative approaches to service delivery.

Council Aides serve as the direct connection between constituents and City government, conducting daily field work throughout their respective districts and possessing unique knowledge of local conditions and recurring problem areas. California Penal Code § 836.5 provides legal authority for public officers or employees to issue citations when authorized by local ordinance and upon completion of appropriate training requirements.

Numerous California municipalities have successfully implemented administrative citation programs that authorize trained municipal employees to enforce local ordinances through proper training protocols. The City currently operates an Administrative Citation Enforcement (ACE) Program under Article 1.2 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, which provides a framework for non-criminal enforcement of municipal code violations.

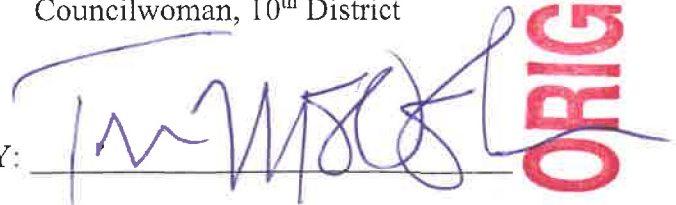
Expanding enforcement capacity through existing personnel can enhance service delivery without requiring significant additional expenditures, aligning with the City's commitment to fiscal stewardship while addressing community needs.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council request the City Attorney, with assistance from the Bureau of Sanitation, to report within 60 days on the feasibility on establishing a legal framework authorizing designated Council Aide positions to issue administrative citations for illegal dumping violations under the City's existing Administrative Citation Enforcement (ACE) Program structure.

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