

PERSONNEL AND HIRING and ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEES REPORTS relative to the feasibility of 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.

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

REQUEST the City Attorney, with assistance from the Bureau of Sanitation, to report within 60 days on the feasibility of establishing a legal framework authorizing designated Council Aide positions to issue administrative citations for illegal dumping violations under the City's existing ACE Program structure.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:
Mid City Neighborhood Council
Reseda Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On December 3, 2025, the Personnel and Hiring (PH) Committee considered a Motion (Hutt - McOsker) relative the feasibility of establishing a legal framework authorizing designated Council Aide positions to issue administrative citations for illegal dumping violations under the City's existing ACE Program structure. According to the Motion, illegal dumping represents a significant and escalating challenge for the City of Los Angeles. In the first two months of 2025, the City 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 Section 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 Section 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 ACE Program under Article 1.2 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, which provides a framework for non-criminal enforcement of Municipal Code violations. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the PH Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion.

Subsequently, on February 3, 2026, the Energy and Environment (E&E) Committee also considered this matter. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the E&E 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
SOTO-MARTINEZ: YES

Energy and Environment Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

NAZARIAN: YES
YAROSLAVSKY: ABSENT
JURADO: ABSENT
RAMAN: YES
PADILLA: YES

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