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REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

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~~AD HOC COMMITTEE ON UNAF
CRISIS PREVENTION INTERVENTION
AND COMMUNITY SERVICES~~

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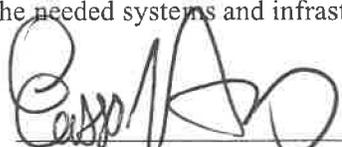
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The City's Unarmed Model of Crisis Response (UMCR) pilot launched in March 2024 with six teams, composed of trained mental and behavioral health professionals, community workers, and social workers, operating 24/7 across three Service Areas. The program reached 1,000 diverted 9-1-1 calls within its first two months, demonstrating the need for these services. Without any additional funding, the program expanded into three additional Service Areas in October 2024, and has now responded to over 16,000 calls to date, continuously demonstrating its effectiveness. UMCR has been able to resolve over 96% of non-violent crisis calls without requiring sworn resources, reducing the likelihood of unnecessary armed encounters and improving outcomes for residents in crisis. By diverting calls that do not require police or fire response, UMCR creates operational efficiencies that save the City money, allow sworn personnel to focus on higher-priority emergencies, and provide a more effective and appropriate use of taxpayer funds.

During its deliberations of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget, the Council approved expansion into three additional areas. With these additions, UMCR is projected to serve roughly 40% of the City's population. As the pilot approaches its two-year mark and the current contracts near expiration, the City must take steps to prepare for the next phase of UMCR in a manner that advances equitable access to crisis response and positions the program for eventual citywide coverage.

A multi-year procurement horizon is warranted to move beyond short-term planning and to ensure unarmed crisis response is a sustained component of the City's public safety infrastructure. Accordingly, the City must initiate the next procurement process and structure it to provide the City with flexibility regarding the scope and geographic extent of program expansion as fiscal conditions allow in future years. In accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 10.3, the City Council must authorize the initiation of the procurement process for successor UMCR service providers, as the resultant agreements from the procurement process are anticipated to be up to five years in term and therefore will require Council approval.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council authorize the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to initiate a procurement process to establish a five-year bench of pre-qualified unarmed crisis response contractors, including the needed systems and infrastructure.

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