

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Ad Hoc Committee Councilmembers, My name is Danielle Williams, and I'm the co-leader of LA Forward's Unarmed Crisis Response working group. I'm also a resident of the Beverly Grove neighborhood of Los Angeles (CD5). I'm writing today in support of item 26-0061, the motion to adopt the Unarmed Model of Crisis Response program on a permanent basis. Every resident in the City of Los Angeles deserves to be able to call 911 for unarmed crisis responders to help themselves or their neighbors, often at times when they may be at their most vulnerable, without worrying that armed police may be dispatched instead if they happen to call from the wrong address. By making the UMCR pilot program a permanent one, this motion will bring that vision of our city closer to reality. I also urge you to support the motion as it advocates for improving dispatch coordination and a care-first response. Our current dispatch system prioritizes a law enforcement-first approach, which is no surprise given that it's located within LAPD. However, the city's residents (and coffers) would be better served by a "best service provider suited to deal with the issue or crisis at hand-first" approach, and I urge this committee to explore all options to reimagine dispatch in a way that would prioritize the needs of the city's residents. Please vote in favor of the motion. Sincerely, Danielle Williams, PhD (she/her) LA Forward Unarmed Crisis Response Working Group