

PUBLIC SAFETY

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS AD HOC COMMITTEE ON UNARMED CRISIS PREVENTION INTERVENTION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

MOTION

The City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County have invested significant public resources into homelessness services centers. These facilities play an important role in connecting vulnerable individuals with services and improving public health outcomes throughout the City.

There are dozens of mobile outreach teams and homelessness service centers operating across Los Angeles. Rather than operating as static buildings, many groups employ mobile syringe exchange programs and street-based outreach to deliver supplies and care. Mobile exchange programs are more nimble and are deployed to meet people directly where they are. Fixed-site service facilities often impact the surrounding community and have resulted in calls for service to the Los Angeles Police and Fire Department. At a time of ongoing fiscal constraints, the City cannot indefinitely absorb or sustain significant increases in public safety workloads associated with recurring calls for service at individual facilities. The City of Los Angeles has long recognized the need to balance service delivery with neighborhood quality of life through the use of Good Neighbor Policies, which establish operational guidelines for homeless shelters, transitional housing, substance abuse facilities, and other activities to mitigate impacts on surrounding communities.

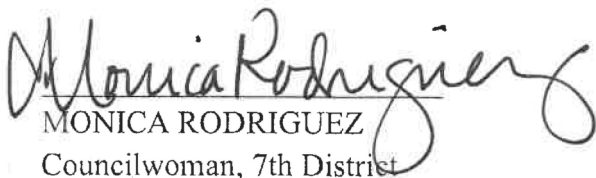
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), with assistance from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), the City Administrative Officer, the Los Angeles Housing Department, and any other relevant departments, to report on publicly funded homelessness service centers that generate significant nuisance complaints or calls for service, including:

- The number and type of nuisance-related calls for service and emergency responses occurring at or within 500 feet of such facilities during the previous three years;
- Associated crime statistics, public safety incidents, and emergency medical responses;
- The amount of LAPD and LAFD personnel time, deployments, and resources expended responding to incidents at or near such facilities;
- Identification of facilities generating the highest demand on public safety resources citywide; and
- Recommendations to address recurring nuisance activity, including corrective actions and enforcement measures for operators generating disproportionate public safety calls for service, including fines, nuisance abatement proceedings, or facility closure where legally permissible.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, provide a report on all publicly funded static homelessness service sites, including associated performance metrics, and any opportunities to improve operational efficiency.

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