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HOMELESSNESS AND HEALTH

Operation Healthy Streets (OHS) is a program within the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) that has been in operation since 2013. As a predecessor to CARE/CARE+, its purpose is to clean the City's streets and sidewalks to help maintain basic sanitation and health standards. However, inconsistencies between these programs have impacted local businesses, service providers and the disproportionate number of people experiencing homelessness in Skid Row.

In Skid Row, where the highest concentration of people experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles exists, LASAN has historically used permanent metal signage to notify residents of OHS cleanups. These signs display maps covering as many as ten blocks and indicate that operations may occur within the designated area between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on a specified day. However, operations may take place on one or two of the blocks, and specific locations and timing may not be clear to residents in advance.

Clear and timely notification of OHS operations is essential to minimizing disruptions to residents, local businesses, and Metro Bus service. Advance notice of specific location and timing of cleanups help outreach workers maintain contact with clients and connect them to services and housing. It also allows residents experiencing homelessness to prepare and safeguard personal belongings including items essential to their health and well being.

I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council instruct the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) to report back within 30 days on its policy and procedures for Operation Healthy Streets (OHS) operation notifications and recommendations on how to enhance the notification process overall. This report should include:

- A description of whether a formal notification system exists for OHS in Skid Row and if so, the methods, advance notice timelines, and staffing provided.
- An assessment of the current OHS map for Skid Row, including its accuracy, clarity and how it is distributed to residents in the area.
- An assessment of inconsistencies in notification practices between OHS CARE and OHS CARE+ operations.
- An analysis of whether reliance on permanent metal signage contributes to gaps or inconsistencies in notifying residents of scheduled OHS operations.
- An assessment of the costs of removing permanent metal signage and the staffing needed to post paper notices and proper documentation.

I FURTHER MOVE that City Council instruct LASAN to develop recommendations to improve notification procedures.

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