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MOTION

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One of the challenges facing the City has been ensuring that clear guidelines are in place for classifying crimes when they happen and subsequently reporting them. Recently, there have been conflicting reports as to whether certain non-gang related incidents, such as property or domestic disputes, may have been inadvertently classified as gang-related disputes. Such a misclassification may be problematic because if an incident is incorrectly classified as a gang-related dispute, gang intervention workers may be summoned to a crime scene when in fact the incident is not gang-related.

It is unclear what criteria or guidelines law enforcement is evaluating when determining whether an incident is gang-related. It is also unclear what training officers are receiving relative to identifying gang members and determining whether to classify an incident as gang-related.

The accuracy and consistency of crime reporting is integral to public safety and having accurate reporting on crime ensures that we're effectively utilizing all of our budgetary resources. There have been numerous motions regarding evaluating the accuracy and effectiveness of current gang-related reporting including CF 07-2507 and CF 07-2507-S1 that instruct the CLA to present a report evaluating the Justice Policy Institute's Report, "Gang Wars - The Failure of Enforcement Tactics and the Need for Effective Public Safety Strategies." Therefore, the Council, the Mayor's Gang Reduction and Youth Intervention (GRYD) and gang intervention service providers should partner with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to review current crime reporting procedures and protocols.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department be instructed to report to the Public Safety Committee and Council in 60 days on the following: 1) the criteria used to report and classify crimes as gang-related; 2) the Department's protocols for determining which types of incidents necessitate involving gang reduction service providers; 3) the Department's process for classifying crimes; and 4) the training officers receive relative to classifying crimes.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council:

1. Instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report to Council with the budget for each planned Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) Zone, including but not limited to:
 - a. Sources of funds (General Fund, grants, etc.);
 - b. Uses of funds (services, law enforcement, administration, etc.), and;
 - c. The timeline for implementation of each GRYD Zone
2. Instruct the Los Angeles Police Department report to Council with an analysis of trends in gang membership and activity over the last five years including how these trends compare to trends in gang crime during the same period.
3. Request the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development to report to Council upon the completion of each Gang Reduction and Youth Development Zone's service assessment with recommendations for complementary services and a discussion of how they will result in an effective balance of services and law enforcement activity in each Zone.

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