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Prostitution plagues the communities in which it exists and unfortunately, despite efforts by law enforcement and social service groups, certain areas and corridors in the City of Los Angeles continue to experience the problem of prostitution.

Fighting prostitution requires coordinated efforts for addressing multiple factors, including the demand for prostitution and the exploitation of victims. Efforts to mitigate the demand occur by tough enforcement and prosecution of laws against solicitation. Another critical factor is that prostitution can result from extreme circumstances in which victims are forced into exploitation. It is also imperative that these circumstances be examined in relation to other forms of exploitation such as human trafficking.

A variety of social service and community organizations already partner with the Police Department toward these efforts. To take aggressive steps toward reducing the amount of prostitution on Los Angeles' streets, the efforts of all agencies must be coordinated. Further, any options to strengthen these existing partnerships must be explored.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department and City Attorney be instructed to report on the strategies used to mitigate prostitution; existing state and local laws which may be Strengthened against prostitution; the level of coordination between the City, community, and social service organizations to combat prostitution; and how partnerships with these organizations can be strengthened.

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