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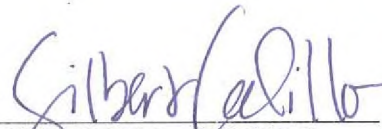
MOTION

While sporting events, special events, bars and nightclubs provide valuable entertainment for residents and visitors to Los Angeles, some individuals going to or coming from areas that host these types of businesses or large events occasionally decide to relieve themselves in public. This can negatively affect quality of life for residents around venues that attract large crowds. In 2003, the City Council passed an ordinance adding section 41.47.2 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to prohibit public urination and defecation in the public areas of the City, in an effort to curtail this type of behavior. Under this ordinance, individuals who relieve themselves in public can be fined up to \$1,000 and sentenced to up to six months in jail.

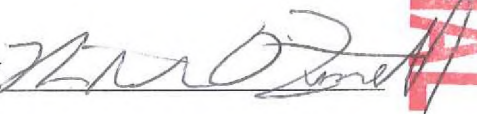
While this ordinance is important, public urination still occurs on a regular basis in neighborhoods that have venues that attract large crowds. It is important that the Council gain an understanding of what is being done to curtail this behavior and what else could be done to address the issue. The Police Department (LAPD) should report on its efforts to enforce LAMC 41.47.2 in areas that host events or businesses that attract large crowds and what, if anything, should be done to strengthen the City's efforts to address public urination.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department report on efforts to enforce LAMC Section 41.47.2, which prohibits urination in public, and what, if any, other efforts the City should undertake to curtail urination in public places by individuals going to or leaving sporting events, special events, bars and nightclubs.

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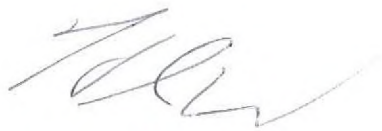

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