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The homelessness crisis in the City of Los Angeles has reached proportions that none of us have previously seen in our lifetimes. Solving this issue will involve commitment from all possible partners working on many fronts, in coordination. Neighborhoods FIRST is a two-pronged effort that leads with compassion to remove barriers to housing and employment for people currently experiencing homelessness while working to prevent those on the edges from slipping into the homeless population. The second prong aims to improve the tools available to communities to alleviate the impacts of homelessness on neighborhoods.

LAMC Section 56.11 regulates the storage of personal property in the public right of way. The ordinance was enacted to create a balance of the needs of the public to access clean and sanitary public areas consistent with their intended uses and those of individuals, who have no other alternatives for the storage of personal property, to retain access to a limited amount of personal property in public areas. Enforcement for Section 56.11 falls under the jurisdiction of the LAPD as well as the Bureau of Sanitation.

The LAPD H.O.P.E. teams and the Bureau of Sanitation have been primarily responsible for the enforcement of Section 56.11. It is important to hear directly from the H.O.P.E. teams as well as the Bureau of Sanitation as to the successes or failures of Section 56.11. An overall understanding of the net effects of the ordinance is crucial for our communities and for future enforcement efforts as it pertains to public spaces. Additionally, it is critical to hear from the departments themselves as to any possible suggestions that may improve the ordinance.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department, specifically the LAPD H.O.P.E. teams and the Bureau of Sanitation be directed to report to the Public Safety Committee on the net effect that LAMC Section 56.11 has had on Los Angeles City communities including an overview of which aspects of the ordinance have worked, which aspects have not worked as well as suggestions the LAPD H.O.P.E. teams or the Bureau of Sanitation may have in improving the ordinance, going forward.

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