

**MOTION**

Los Angeles has a chronic issue of bulky items and waste including trash, debris, hypodermic needles, and human waste being left in the public's right of way on sidewalks and on city infrastructure. The unsanitary conditions that result from a significant quantity of waste will, aside from blighting a community, have an adverse impact on public health. This is especially true if items and waste are left during the impending severe El Niño weather or in areas that see heavy foot traffic, creating a high exposure risk for a larger number of residents including the homeless community in the area.

For the past several years the City has taken various steps to manage and address these health and safety concerns through Operation Health Streets Program (OHS) to clean up and conduct bulky item pick up in these areas. Since 2012 when OHS was established, the Council and Mayor have approved significant efforts to respond to these health risks, funding the program through various sources including set asides in the Unappropriated Balance, the Consolidated Plan, and offsetting costs year to year through the General Fund as needed. The total proposed budget for 2014-2015 totaled \$3.7 million for OHS. However, due to increased demands for this program due to the current crisis, the City should consider more ongoing and reliable revenue streams.

The Solid Waste Resources Fund (SWRF) which is currently used by the Bureau of Sanitation ensure the health and safety of the City's residents, communities, and environment to fund critical services ranging from the collection of solid resources to the treatment of wastewater. This fund, already set aside for sanitation purposes could be explored as a potential resource for OHS funding.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council INSTRUCT the CAO to report back on the feasibility of using the Solid Waste Resources Fund (SWRF) by the Bureau of Sanitation for the purpose of executing homeless encampment cleanups to eliminate public safety hazards on city property and to clear city infrastructure of blight in order to enhance access public spaces.

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