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Nuisance properties are a continuous problem in the City of Los Angeles. These properties can be abandoned buildings that contribute to blight, or can be occupied properties being utilized by individuals for illegal activity. Some sober living homes, rehabilitation homes, boarding homes and short-term rentals have been the subject of multiple nuisance calls. Currently, the City Attorney's Office works with the Police Department (LAPD), the Department of Building and Safety (DBS) and the Planning Department to target these properties through the Citywide Nuisance Abatement Program (CNAP). CNAP has a number of specialized, community-based programs to identify and target criminal activity and improve the quality of life for residents near nuisance properties.

While the City does a very good job of identifying and abating nuisance properties, more can be done. Specifically, LAPD officers could be offered additional training on identifying and tracking nuisance properties, and information could be shared more effectively between the various City departments responsible for aspects of dealing with these problems. In addition, the City Attorney's Office and the relevant departments should study the use of shared databases and other technological tools to assist in the tracking of these properties.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to work with the Police Department, the Department of Building and Safety, the Planning Department, and the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) on ways to increase the sharing of information on nuisance properties, including the use of a shared database with information on relevant properties.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to work with the Police Department on improving training that would enable police officers to more effectively track and identify nuisance properties.

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