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Grand Avenue between 84th Place to 40th Place runs along the eastern side of the 110 freeway in South Los Angeles. While the western side of Grand Avenue in this area abuts the freeway and is under Caltran's jurisdiction, the eastern side of the street is residential. Over recent years, this stretch of Grand Avenue has become a magnet for various types of illegal behavior, including prostitution, car theft, robbery, assault and illegal dumping. The area has also become a favored spot for individuals to park commercial vehicles for long periods of time, as well as a place where homeless individuals have set up a number of large camps.

The residents in this area feel besieged by illegal behavior, and the City owes it to them to ensure that their neighborhood is clean, safe, and livable. Over this year alone, over 150 tons of illegally dumped trash has been collected, and a number of crimes have been reported. A comprehensive strategy to address these issues is necessary, which should examine various ways of addressing the problem including the use of parking restrictions, increased police patrols, increased outreach to homeless in the area, increased enforcement of illegal dumping laws and improved street lighting, fencing or other tools. While this issue is complex, and will require a number of City departments with a number of different responsibilities to work together to address it, it is imperative that the City work to address these problems.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department, the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering and Department of Transportation, with the assistance of the City Attorney and any other City Department or Office as needed, report with a comprehensive strategy to address the significant number of quality-of-life issues present on Grand Avenue between 84th Place and 40th place. This report should consider the use of increased police patrols, increased outreach to the homeless in the area, increased enforcement of illegal dumping laws, increased cleanings, new parking restrictions, and enhanced street lighting and fencing, as well as any other tools or strategies that will ensure that the area is clean and safe for its residents.

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