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The Bureau of Sanitation manages and maintains one of the largest sewer systems in the nation with over 6,700 miles of sewers. The City's sewer system has expanded and grown to its current size with some sewers older than 50 years.

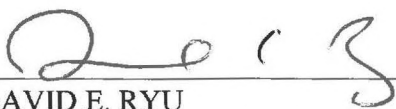
Over the last several years, the Bureau of Sanitation has improved and renewed the sewer system. It has implemented many advancements in its maintenance and operation practices; and has reduced sewer overflows by over 85% over the last 17 years.

On Sunday, April 1, 2018, a 13-year old boy entered an old and decommissioned sewer facility/building in Griffith Park and gained access to the sewer system.

The Bureau of Sanitation and the Fire Department worked with other partners to search for the boy in the sewer system. After 13 hours of searching, the boy was found in the system and rescued.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation, in consultation with the City Attorney and with the assistance of the Fire Department, be instructed to report in 30 days relative to the April 1, 2018 incident involving a 13 year old boy who was rescued from the sewer system, as further described in the text of this Motion, and that this report include a discussion of the condition of the sewer facility / building in Griffith Park, and whether any additional steps need to be taken to further secure this facility and any other similar facilities in the sewer system.

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