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The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council supports CF 19-0582 Non Arrest / Early Diversion. Medical professionals, prosecutors and legal scholars have known for years that drug abuse is, ultimately, a public health issue and one that cannot be solved via arrest, punishment, and jail time. In 2016 the Global Commission on Drug Policy [recommended](#), among other things, the following:

*Invest in evidence-based prevention, treatment and harm reduction measures as cornerstones of drug policy, ensure equitable access to essential medicines that relieve unnecessary pain and suffering, end the criminalization and incarceration for drug use and possession for personal use.*

Therefore, CHNC is eager to hear the recommendations of the report back from the Chief Legislative Analyst and LAPD regarding a program that prioritizes treatment instead of arrest, for persons suffering from addiction and substance abuse, using the Angel Program as a model and exploring the potential for a partnership with a non-profit like PARRI for the purpose of implementing the program.

Such a program would be a tremendous benefit to those suffering from drug addiction, as arrest and further involvement with the criminal legal system only decreases their chances of recovery and does little to protect the general public. We encourage Council to act swiftly in this matter, as many of our unsheltered neighbors suffer from drug addiction that prevents them from securing stable housing.