

Possible TPE & E Committee

Good Afternoon Madam Chair and Councilmembers

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Illegal dumping of trash is a persistent violation that creates significant public health and safety concerns.

In conjunction with the increasing number of homeless encampments, illegal dumping compounds sanitation problems in many areas of the City, perhaps most dramatically in the industrial areas of Downtown Los Angeles.

Previously a few Sanitation crews dedicated to illegal dumping were also deployed to clean up homeless encampments.

As the crisis of homelessness has continued to grow, there has been an increasing focus on the urgent and specialized demands of clean ups around homeless encampments.

However, there remain challenges in quickly hiring and training the necessary staff to deploy these crews at the beginning of the new fiscal year, July 1.

Enforcement is also a critical strategy to prevent recurring violations and deter illegal dumping, and the City should examine how to make enforcement as effective as possible.

Therefore Councilman Huizar ^{respectfully} request that the committee to support the expenditure of up \$150,000 to specifically support the Sanitation Department and to work with our community partners as an interim measure to address urgent conditions of illegal dumping, particularly in the industrial areas of Downtown and we seek all potential enforcement tools that are available to us.