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The City of Los Angeles spends nearly \$30 million per year on clean-ups related to homeless encampments with few demonstrable long-term improvements to public health. The current system has provided temporary clean-ups without a strategy to address the overall lack of services causing unsanitary conditions on City streets. No one has been satisfied with the outcomes of our current system.

To address flaws in the current system, funding for cleanups was expanded in Fiscal Year 2019-20, which will allow for the deployment of additional cleanup teams. In addition, the LA Sanitation and Environment Bureau (LASAN) has proposed a new deployment plan for the Homeless Outreach and Proactive Engagement (HOPE), Operation Healthy Streets (OHS), and Clean Streets Los Angeles (CSLA) teams, under a new name. These new Comprehensive Cleaning and Rapid Engagement Teams (CARE and CARE+) are billed as a way to utilize a different protocol for cleanups, emphasizing a services-led approach that establishes a public health infrastructure and regular cleanups of designated areas. The intent is also to provide mobile hygiene services during comprehensive cleanups. However, only one hygiene station has been funded and will be ready for deployment in October 2019. This is not enough.

LASAN's proposed redeployment plan is a necessary first step in moving the city toward a more proactive and effective cleanup strategy. However, it does not go far enough, fast enough. We must do more and we must do it now.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) with the assistance of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and LASAN, in conjunction with Council District 11 staff, initiate a pilot program in Council District 11 to augment the new cleanup protocols proposed by LASAN. In addition to the proactive services proposed in LASAN, such as the placement of receptacles and regular trash collection, and regularized public health and cleanup services that ensure clean streets and removal of bulky and hazardous materials, the Council District 11 pilot should include hygiene services that provide for attendant-supported restrooms, handwashing stations, and showers at some encampments in the district. The pilot should also include public health strategies supported by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH).

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be instructed to work with LA Sanitation and Environment to identify funding for the lease or purchase of at least two hygiene stations, inclusive of maintenance and full-time (24/7) attendant-staffing costs, for the Council District 11 encampment services and cleanup pilot program.

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