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The proportion of multi-generational households in the United States and other wealthy nations is increasing. The Great Recession and housing crisis brought many generations together out of economic necessity, and by 2014, 19 percent of the U.S. population lived in multigenerational households. In areas with high housing costs such as the City of Los Angeles, the percentage is even higher.

While the shortage of affordable housing affects all Angelenos, immigrant populations are particularly susceptible to issues of overcrowding. The Los Angeles metropolitan area has one of the highest rates of overcrowding in the country. The California Health and Human Services agency recognizes that residential crowding has been linked to an increased risk of infection from communicable diseases, a higher prevalence of respiratory ailments, and greater vulnerability to homelessness among the poor.

The physical and social environment are key determinants of public health. To slow the spread of COVID-19 in the communities of Los Angeles, it is important to provide multigenerational households with the resources and information they need to best protect themselves.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Council request the Mayor to prioritize testing in multi-generational households, whether individuals are symptomatic or not, as testing capacity becomes available. Additionally, consideration should be given to locating new testing centers in communities with historic overcrowding.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Chief Legislative Analyst, in consultation with Los Angeles County Public Health, be directed to report to Council with recommendations for the methodology to identify Angelenos living in overcrowded, multi-generational households for the purposes of prioritizing testing.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Council request the Mayor to make personal protective equipment (PPE) available to multi-generational/ overcrowded households that have a COVID-19 positive member (or members), as this supply permits.

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