

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON POLICE REFORM REPORT relative to developing an unarmed model of crisis response.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Wesson - Martinez - Harris-Dawson - Price - Blumenfield - O'Farrell):

1. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with assistance from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the Los Angeles Housing Services Authority (LAHSA) and in cooperation with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and other relevant government service providers, to develop an unarmed model of crisis response that would divert non-violent calls for service (mental health crisis, substance abuse, neighbor disputes etc.) away from LAPD to the appropriate non-law enforcement agencies.
2. INSTRUCT the CLA to analyze and report back on programs utilized both domestically and internationally such as CAHOOTS in Eugene, Oregon as well other models of crisis intervention.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On June 24, 2020, your Committee considered a Motion (Wesson - Martinez et al.) relative to developing an unarmed model of crisis response. According to the Motion, budget cuts in social services have resulted in law enforcement taking on a greater role in dealing with homelessness, mental health and even COVID-19 related responses. Los Angeles has gone from asking the police to be part of the solution, to being the only solution for problems they should not be called on to solve in the first place. As Los Angeles Country engages in a national conversation on the re-imaging of public safety, the City of Los Angeles should look to be a leader and act boldly to structurally change how it delivers services to its residents, particularly those who have been historically marginalized and neglected. In order to properly service the most vulnerable, the City of Los Angeles should look to advance non-law enforcement solutions in circumstances that are non-criminal. The first step the City of Los Angeles can take to re-imagine public safety is to develop a systematic crisis- response plan to directly connect people in need to City, County or community-based service providers and replace law enforcement presence in non-violent, non-criminal situations with a range of unarmed service providers including medical professionals, mental health workers, homeless outreach workers and other unarmed professionals with specialized training. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion as amended and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON POLICE REFORM

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
LEE:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

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