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The amount of trash and debris in the Ninth Council District has reached crisis levels. The residents, visitors, and businesses of the Ninth Council District deserve a safe, healthy community that is free from the piles of trash and bulky items that litter the streets, alleyways, and sidewalks. The presence of illegally dumped furniture and other items is a daily occurrence in the community and the problem is becoming more severe each day. Often, sidewalks are impassable due to the accumulation of trash, requiring school children to cross into the street in order to get to school. The continuous presence of this extraordinary amount of garbage is a health and safety risk, degrades the aesthetics and ambiance of the community, and detracts from economic growth. A healthy, clean, revitalized community will help foster a new sense of civic pride, drive renewed economic growth, and improve the livelihoods of residents, visitors, and businesses alike.

In February 2013, Council adopted the 2013-14 (39th Program Year) Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan (C.F. 12-1607). The Plan includes Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to assist neighborhood improvements. The funding of trash and bulky item removal in the Ninth Council District would address this crisis and begin to bring much need revitalization to the community of South Los Angeles. The Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD) is focused on improving the lives of South Los Angeles residents aged 16-25. With its partnership with the City's Office of Community Beautification, CRCD trains and hires unemployed youth to remove graffiti and provide additional neighborhood beautification services. Through this program, CRCD engages young people in education, training, and career building, ensuring they have the tools required to succeed in society. The use of CDBG resources to further expand the scope and breath of services provided by CRCD will provide the community of Council District Nine with power washing, sweeping, installation of solar powered trash receptacles, emptying of trash receptacles, and bulky item pickup and disposal, among other services. Through its partnerships with LA Chamber of Commerce and Los Angeles Trade Tech Community College, CRCD will hire young people from the community and put them to work beautifying their neighborhood—providing them with fundamental job training skills and putting resources towards solving the severe garbage problem in the community.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council appropriate CDBG funds in the amount of \$400,000 from the Neighborhood Improvement Fund 2013-14 (39th) Program Year Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan, for the Department of Public Works to initiate a beautification program in the Ninth Council District utilizing the services of CRCD, subject to CDBG eligibility review.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) to meet with the Department of Public Works to ensure that the program is developed to meet the HUD-CDBG regulations.

I FURTHER MOVE that HCID amend the necessary Consolidated Plan(s) as necessary, make any technical changes and prepare the required Controller instructions required to effectuate the intent of this motion, subject to review and approval by the Chief Legislative Analyst, and authorize the Controller to implement these Controller instructions.

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