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Blight continues to impact many parts of our City streets and alleys. Much of the material is illegally dumped, and includes, but is not limited to, solid waste, tires, sharps, and bulky items (such as sofas and mattresses).

The Bureau of Sanitation currently provides unlimited bulky item service to single-family homes and multi-family residential buildings, such as apartments, to help dispose of their bulky items in a safe, proper and legal manner. Under the Bulky Item Collection Program, residents can call Sanitation for an appointment and City crews pick-up their large or bulky household items. In addition, Sanitation provides sweeps of City streets for bulky items. The Bulky Item service is funded from the fees paid by these customers.

However, even with this existing service, the blight continues to persist in many communities around the City. Most of the blight is due to solid waste that is scattered in the alleys and sidewalks.

Recently CD1, under Councilmember Cedillo's leadership, the Bureau of Sanitation implemented a pilot program within First Council District boundaries (CF 13-0852). Enhancing services, increasing collection, and embarking on a robust education campaign has helped to reduce the trash on its streets tremendously. The success of the program was recently highlighted in the LA Times, quoting Cedillo "We are trying to change the culture". Thus far this effort has resulted in 284 clean alleys and over 800,000 lbs. of trash being collected from some of the poorest areas of the City.

Given the state of blight caused by illegally disposed trash across Los Angeles, there is an urgent need to improve this basic service city-wide. With positive data collected from the CD1 Clean Streets pilot, the City Council should ask Sanitation to lead an immediate stepped-up effort to clean neighborhoods city-wide; not only of bulky items, but other waste in streets and alleys. This effort can include adding street trash receptacles as deemed appropriate by Sanitation and Council Offices.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Sanitation, in consultation with the City Administrative Officer, and Council Offices to outline a proposal for an enhanced neighborhood cleanup program throughout the City, including any associated cost attributable to the General Fund and not eligible for Sanitation's Special Funds.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation work with Council Offices, the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), to identify funding and coordinate a stepped-up effort to clean neighborhoods, soliciting the assistance from other departments and agencies as appropriate.

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