


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: March 2, 2018

TO: Councilmember Nury Martinez, Chair
 Councilmember Paul Koretz, Vice Chair
 Councilmember Paul Krekorian
 Councilmember Gilbert A. Cedillo
 Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell
 Energy, Climate Change and Environmental Justice Committee

FROM: 
 Enrique C. Zaldivar, Director
 LA Sanitation

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO MOTION 14-1499-S8

Motion 14-1499-S8, dated February 28, 2018, instructed LA Sanitation (LASAN) to report back with options to address the Clean Streets initiative backlog. This backlog has continued to increase because the incoming requests are increasing and the program is expanding to cover non-street locations, such as high fire hazard severity zones and the Tujunga and Pacoima Washes.

To address more structurally the magnitude of the service demands on our Livability and Environmental Quality Program, LASAN has presented a budget request for the upcoming FY 2018-19 budget currently under consideration by the Mayor.

Recommendations

LASAN proposes to reduce the backlog, or at least slow its rate of growth through a mixture of reassigning staff to augment a HOPE team during the workweek and providing evening and weekend overtime to Clean Streets teams through the end of the fiscal year.

Crews	Time	Cost
1 augmented HOPE team - 2 Environmental Compliance Inspectors (ECIs), 1 refuse collection truck operator (RCTO), and 1 maintenance laborer (ML) (already funded), plus 4 MLs and 1 equipment operator, equipment rental	8 hours per day, Monday-Friday, 17 weeks	\$318,706
2 CSLA teams (1 refuse collection supervisor, 3 RCTOs, 4 MLs, 2 ECIs)	8 hours overtime – Saturday, 13 weeks	\$213,812
2 CSLA teams	2 hours overtime, Monday-Friday, 15 weeks	\$282,119
Total:		\$814,637

Deployment of all options is projected to enable the clearance of 1,948 service requests by the end of FY 2017-18.

The clearance of service requests is calculated as:

1 augmented HOPE team (8 hours) x 2 Authorizations/day (off-street) x 1 service requests/authorization (off-street) x 5 days/week x 17 weeks = 170 service requests

2 CSLA teams (8 hours) x 4 Authorizations/day x 7 service requests/authorization (average) x 1 day/week x 13 weeks = 728 service requests

2 CSLA teams (2 hours) x 1 Authorizations/day x 7 service requests/authorization (average) x 5 days/week x 15 weeks = 1,050 service requests

The use of overtime will allow LASAN to keep up with the increased monthly requests and to make some progress clearing the existing backlog. LASAN intentionally did not assume that all teams would be working overtime during evenings and Saturdays. Cleaning homeless encampments is physically and mentally demanding work, and it is important that teams are rotated through the overtime assignments to reduce the likelihood of burnout or injuries. In order to make significant progress in clearing the backlog, additional teams would be required in FY 2018-19.

In consultation with the City Attorney, LASAN has determined that there are no special funds that would be eligible to fund this work due to Proposition 218 limitations.

Should the City Council choose to implement this enhanced deployment model, LASAN recommends that the Council, subject to approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Controller to transfer/appropriate funding from a source to be identified, in the amount of \$814,637 to LASAN in the following amounts as specified:

To:	100 (GF)	001010	Salaries - General	\$106,261
	100 (GF)	001090	Salaries – Overtime	\$278,102
	100 (GF)	003040	Contractual Services	\$267,300
	100 (GF)	006020	Operating Supplies	\$17,820
	508 (SWRRF)	530100	Equipment	<u>\$145,154</u>
				\$814,637

2. Authorize the Controller, as directed by LASAN and the City Administrative Officer, to make any technical corrections necessary to implement the intentions of the City Council and Mayor.

Please contact Khalil Gharios or Lisa B. Mowery at (213) 485-2110 if you have any questions.

c: LASAN Exec Team