

MOTION

As the crisis of homelessness continues to grow throughout the region, so do the challenges of providing safe and clean streets around homeless encampments.

Clean Streets LA (CSLA) is the City's coordinated response to the need for sanitation and service outreach around homeless encampments. Sanitation currently has four CSLA crews providing scheduled encampment cleanups throughout the City, alongside service outreach to encampment residents by LA Homeless Services Authority and security back up by LAPD. Clean up resources are shared equitably among Council Districts. In the FY 17-18 budget, Council approved six months funding for the addition of a fifth CSLA crew, which would be deployed proportionate to demand.


However, the backlog of service requests has gotten worse, even with four crews already deployed. Since the end of the Fiscal Year just four months ago, the backlog of service requests for CSLA encampment cleanups has increased 30%, to 5610.

CDs 9, 13, & 14 have the highest number of outstanding Homeless Encampment Service Requests, accounting for 3,302, or 59% of the backlog.

In order to address the growing backlog, additional resources are needed, and these resources should be deployed proportionally in order to address the areas of demand.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation report to the City Council on the backlog of the Clean Streets LA encampment service requests and efforts to address areas of high demand. Sanitation should also report on resources needed to respond to areas of high demand so that the backlog is reduced to such a point that an equitable deployment of CSLA resources is adequate to manage service requests Citywide.

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