

The City as a whole has experienced an increase in homicides this year with 191 people being killed thus far. South Los Angeles has disproportionately suffered from this violent surge. Of the 39 people killed in the month of August, over half were residents of South L.A.- victims of gang violence, whether associated or not.

These shootings have occurred at private residences, Recreation and Parks facilities, and businesses along busy corridors. Residents no longer feel safe and specifically worry about the safety of their children in public spaces. As stated in our emergency community meeting this past weekend, this violence has negatively impacted our residents, their neighborhoods, and confidence in the current public safety measures of the Los Angeles Police Department and the Gang Reduction and Youth Development office.

These incidents are not unique, over the past few years we have seen recurrences of gang violence in South LA. A collaborative- cross jurisdictional effort is needed, utilizing the resources and talents of the City, the Mayor's office and community and nonprofit organizations to analyze and reevaluate our current public safety approach. LAPD, for example, has the successful Community Safety Partnership (CSP) program as well as the Safer Cities initiative of community policing and crime reduction tactics. By harnessing the resources and expertise of these partners, we can address these recurring problems and create a new culture of cooperation and support for all aspects of intervention/prevention and policing policies.

I THERFORE MOVE that LAPD, GRYD, City Attorney, Parks and Recreation and LAFD be directed to report with recommendations for establishing a comprehensive response to the surge in homicides in 77<sup>th</sup>, Southeast and Newton divisions of LAPD.

I FURTHER MOVE that all City funded Intervention agencies convene monthly meetings with each Council District that they work in to provide progress reports and discuss additional strategies to be employed.

I FURTHER MOVE that LAPD be directed to report on how to create a program that builds on successful programs such as CSP to be implemented in the above listed LAPD divisions.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CLA and CAO be directed to report with recommendations to establish a cooperative effort between the City Council, Mayor's Office, LAPD and its Intervention contractors addressing the problem of homicides on a long term basis, including a reevaluation of the budgets for intervention workers.

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