

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to gang activity in the West San Fernando Valley and area gang intervention efforts.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Blumenfield – Buscaino):

DIRECT the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), with the assistance of the Mayor's Office for Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD), to report relative to gang issues in the West San Fernando Valley, including a discussion of the active gangs in the area and the types of crimes they engage in, and gang intervention efforts and examples of the challenges and successes that the LAPD and GRYD have had in addressing area gang crime.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

### SUMMARY

On August 2, 2016, Council considered Motion (Blumenfield – Buscaino) relative to gang activity in the West San Fernando Valley and area gang intervention efforts. Motion states that gangs have been a persistent problem throughout the modern history of the City of Los Angeles, with almost every part of the City experiencing gang-related crime. In the West San Fernando Valley, gangs have been a continuing problem, with various criminal acts being committed by gang members. As an example, in 2015, the Valley experienced a significant increase in murders, with a majority of them being gang-related.

Motion goes on to state that the City has pioneered new efforts to address gang violence, moving on from only seeking to suppress gang activity through policing by adding prevention and intervention. Motion movers believe that the City's efforts to address gang violence has not focused on the West San Fernando Valley. Motion movers recommend that Council instruct LAPD and GRYD to report on gang issues in the West San Fernando Valley. Council referred Motion to the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held February 13, 2017, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee recommended that Council approve Motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE



MEMBER    VOTE  
BUSCAINO: YES

MARTINEZ: YES  
PRICE: YES  
O'FARRELL: ABSENT  
RYU: YES

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