

MOTION

The City of Los Angeles is responsible for the maintenance of sidewalks and other public areas. These public areas must remain safe, clean, sanitary and accessible for use by all individuals. The City must promote the health and welfare of all public areas, while balancing the needs of the City's population; especially children, families and those in need of social services.

In the adopted FY 2016-17 budget, funding was provided for the implementation of Public Right-of-Way cleanup as part of the Homeless Outreach and Proactive Engagement Teams (HOPE). The purpose of the HOPE Teams is two-fold: 1) Improve the City's overall response to the complex and diverse needs of the unsheltered homeless community, and 2) Support healthy neighborhoods.

Its teams will accomplish this by linking the homeless with appropriate services, respond to neighborhood issues and concerns; and develop strategies for the homeless experiencing mental illness and substance abuse disorders. The HOPE Teams will consist of personnel from the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). The Teams will be deployed out of each of the four police bureaus: Valley, West, Central, and South.

It is the responsibility of the City to ensure that the programs it creates are adequately funded and properly staffed. A report on the current status and future practices of these efforts is warranted, including strategies to ensure adequate staffing and appropriate benefits for personnel working in these fields.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation and the Police Department be instructed to report in 30 days on the status and implementation of the HOPE teams and;

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation and the Personnel Department be instructed to report on staffing for the HOPE team and Clean Streets Initiative(CSI), including streamlining and expedited filling of vacant positions.

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