

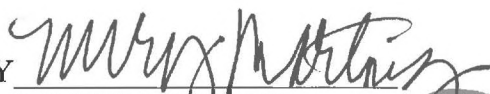
MOTION PUBLIC SAFETY

At its January 24, 2018 meeting, the Public Safety Committee heard a Motion (Martinez – Bonin, Council File No. 17-0475) related to the Police Department’s (LAPD) efforts to address sexual harassment and sexual assault on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) system in the City of Los Angeles. During the discussion of this Motion, LAPD noted that individuals experiencing homelessness or suffering from mental illness often report instances of harassment or assault. Further, some individuals suffering from untreated mental health issues on the Metro system pose a threat to their own safety and to the safety of other passengers. After a robust discussion, the issue was continued so that LAPD could gather more data and report back to the Committee at a later date.

The City and Metro are working to address the homelessness crisis, and all Metro users are entitled to safety and security. While LAPD has done an admirable job in increasing safety on Metro’s buses, trains and stations throughout the City, more can be done. When the Public Safety Committee reconsiders the Motion on LAPD’s work to address sexual harassment and assault, the discussion should also include information on the Department’s efforts to address issues related to homelessness and mental illness on the Metro system.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Police Department’s Transit Services Bureau (TSB) report on how it is handling issues related to homelessness and mental illness on Metro buses, trains and stations in the City, including information on how the Department is integrating its Mental Evaluation Unit/System-wide Mental Assessment Response Team (SMART) and Homeless Outreach and Proactive Engagement (HOPE) Team into the work of the TSB.

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