

MOTION INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY AND GENERAL SERVICE

Due to a confluence of events with the demolition of Parker Center (former LAPD Headquarters) that began in September, 2018, along with ongoing cleanup issues near the Civic Center complex, there has been a noticeable increase in the volume of rodents in the area and within City buildings. As has been reported by the NBC Channel 4 I-Team, the rodent issue in the Civic Center complex has had real world consequences, namely with at least one City employee possibly contracting Typhus from rodent fleas in City Hall East.

Council District 10 became aware of vermin issues within our City Hall office in November, 2018. My office acted quickly to contact the Department of General Services who in turn brought in pest control experts that set traps, advised the removal of all live plants which the rodents were consuming, and recommended the removal or containment of all food products. Within two weeks, my office was also experiencing fleas in the carpets from the rodent issue, and moved promptly to remove all carpets in the office and stain the underlying concrete as the floor replacement. Since the work has been completed, our employees have not reported any new rodent or flea issues within the office.

It is imperative that the City leadership take the necessary immediate steps and precautionary measures to prevent any further psychological or health-related issues affecting City employees, residents, and other individuals who work within or visit the Civic Center complex.

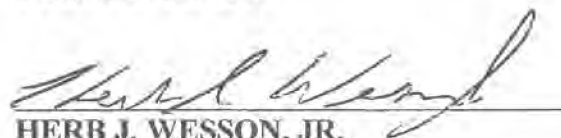
I THEREFORE MOVE to INSTRUCT the Department of General Services (DGS) to report back on the scope of vermin and pest control issues addressed by the Department during the 2018-19 Fiscal Year, including any actions taken by GSD to abate these issues and protocols for cleaning and clean up within the Civic Center complex owned and/or operated by the City of Los Angeles.

I FURTHER MOVE to INSTRUCT the DGS to conduct an inventory audit of all offices with carpet in City Hall and City Hall East and report back with a plan and cost estimate to remove all carpets in the buildings and replace with alternative flooring.

I FURTHER MOVE to INSTRUCT the DGS to report back with an assessment of all live plants in any City building, City-owned facility and City-operated facility within the Downtown Los Angeles community, including which varieties are most attractive to vermin.

I FURTHER MOVE to INSTRUCT the DGS to report back with a draft policy that would require all City employees to secure their food after hours and require custodial services to dispose of all food left out by any employee.

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