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In recent years, the City of Los Angeles has been impacted by litigation concerning the rights of homeless persons in relation to the City's policies and procedures for maintaining the public realm. These legal issues include the storage of property in the public right-of-way, vehicle dwelling on city streets, and other related topics. In addition to rulings directed uniquely at the City of Los Angeles, other court rulings in jurisdictions outside the City have also impacted policy, such as the recent decision by the 9th circuit Federal District Court that struck down an anti-camping law.

Given the magnitude of the homelessness crisis facing the City, legal challenges concerning the rights of individuals in relation to City policy are likely to continue. Therefore, having a clear understanding of these legal issues is fundamental as the City tries to build off of its notable efforts and ongoing commitment to address this crisis.

There are numerous cases (pending or settled) that have shaped and limited the City of Los Angeles's policy and operational protocols. As we continue to seek solutions to resolve the homelessness crisis, we need to understand fully and clearly the legal framework that governs our policy and program development. Additionally, the regional scope of the homelessness crisis calls for a coordinated effort to address it. Thus, it is important to understand the differences between the City's policies and procedures and those of its County neighbors.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst's Office, in consultation with the City Attorney, report to the City Council on all homeless-related litigation brought against the City of Los Angeles that is settled, pending, or threatened. The report should include details of any decisions and settlement terms, and how City policies, procedures, and operations have been changed in response to these cases.

I FURTHER MOVE that the report include a comparative analysis that juxtaposes City of Los Angeles public right-of-way policy and protocols with those of neighboring municipalities in the County of Los Angeles.

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