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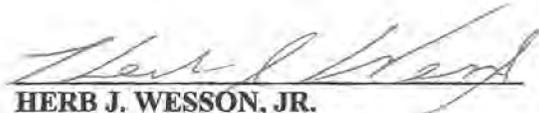
In June 2015, Gloucester, Massachusetts Police Chief Leonard Campanello launched the Angel Program and announced his department would treat addiction as a disease, rather than a crime, and would not arrest those seeking help. The program created a simple, stigma-free entry point to treatment on demand and reframed addiction as a disease, not a crime. Under his plan, any person with a substance addiction who asks the police department for help will be immediately taken to a hospital and placed in a recovery program. No arrest. No jail.

The Police Assisted Addiction & Recovery Initiative (PAARI) provides support and resources to help law enforcement agencies nationwide create non-arrest pathways to treatment and recovery. PAARI is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support the Gloucester Police addiction initiatives, to aid other police departments to implement similar programs, and to foster a dialogue around the unique opportunity for police departments to take direct action against the disease of drug addiction in their communities. Working in conjunction with the medical community and science-based recovery programs, police departments can make a difference in their communities by saving lives from drug overdoses, reducing the number of people suffering from drug addiction and thereby devaluing a seemingly endless drug supply.

Now a national network of more than 400 police departments in 32 states, PAARI primarily supports non-arrest, or early diversion, program models that reach people before they enter the criminal justice system. The City of Los Angeles' has made great strides to address the homelessness crisis, but more work is needed as are more innovative solutions to connect people to the help that they need to take their first steps on a path to reclaiming their lives. One of the ways that this could be achieved is through a partnership with an organization like the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI).

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance from LAPD be instructed to report back on instituting a program that prioritizes treatment instead of arrest, for persons suffering from addiction and substance abuse, using the Angel Program as a model and exploring the potential for a partnership with a non-profit like PARRI for the purpose of implementing the program.

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