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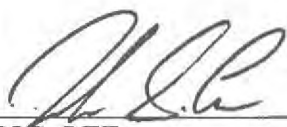
Recommended as part of the City's Comprehensive Homeless Strategy is the establishment of employment and job training programs. While a variety of services are needed to help resolve the causes of homelessness, employment and job training programs are appropriate interventions for the many men, women, and transition aged youth who are immediately able to participate in the workforce.

One such program to empower residents experiencing homelessness has been proposed by the West Valley Alliance (WVA), a non-profit community based organization in Council District 12 that creates, develops, and implements innovative services to improve the quality of life of neighborhoods in the West Valley. WVA has proposed a weed abatement pilot-program named Work To Succeed to provide job training and employment to homeless adults in order help clients re-enter their communities and attain independence. The program will be operated in partnership with the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission.

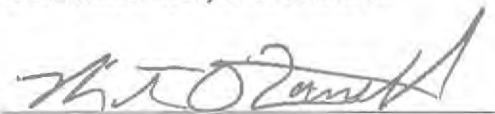
Given that WVA has been a tremendous partner with Council District 12 and the City for over 20 years through its management of numerous projects, including gang reduction, literacy, and the arts, the City should provide start-up funding for the Work To Succeed pilot program using the State's Homeless, Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program grant.


**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst be instructed to submit to the Homeless Strategy Committee for review a funding request of \$510,000 using the State's Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention program grant (City Proposed Category 3 - Prevention, Shelter, Diversion to Permanent Housing, and Bridge Housing Operations) for a one-year weed abatement employment program for homeless individuals to be operated by the West Valley Alliance in Council District 12.

PRESENTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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