

MOTION

PUBLIC SAFETY

Over the last decade, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) has focused on collaborating with community partners to build innovative community engagement initiatives.

In 2011, the Community Safety Partnership program (CSP) was created by the LAPD in collaboration with the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles to foster relationships with residents at housing developments and surrounding communities. The CSP program is a community-driven model of policing that focuses on relationship-based policing, conducting youth outreach programs, preventing crime, and enforcing the law through a long-term problem-solving approach. Currently, there are eight CSP sites which stretch across both Operations-South and Operations-Central Bureaus and are based in housing developments and parks. An additional site will be established next month in the San Fernando Gardens community in Operations-Valley Bureau. This relationship-based policing model has resulted in noticeable improvements in safety and general community health in each of the neighborhoods where it has been implemented.

In 2017, the LAPD CSP partnered with Legacy LA, a community based non-profit organization focused on youth development, to build dialogue between youth and police. Together they created a program, Through our Eyes, a series of youth-led workshops that address tensions between teens living in the developments and law enforcement. In 2018, the Through our Eyes program was awarded grant funding from State Farm to ensure its continued success.

Programs like Through our Eyes should continue to be funded and be expanded across all CSP sites. Investing in youth and building relationship-based programs with our police officers leads to safer neighborhoods and a better future for all.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department be instructed to expand the Through our Eyes program partnership and identify additional youth-serving organizations to build similar youth engagement and relationship-based programs.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department and the Office of the City Administrative Officer be instructed to identify \$100,000 in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, and seek out grant funding opportunities for the aforementioned purpose.

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