

## BUDGET & FINANCE

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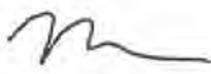
The Safe Passages Program is designed to provide a sense of safety in targeted areas, especially for young people traveling to and from school. Safe Passages is one of the most effective interventions of the South Los Angeles Community Safety Initiative (SLACSI); and it provides an immediate sense of safety for South Los Angeles residents.

The City operates the Safe Passages program in partnership with Community Build Inc., which trains local residents to act as Community Intervention Workers (CIWs) to monitor park perimeters and conduct patrols throughout the park. These measures protect families traveling to and from designated parks and provide a community-based layer of security while residents enjoy park activities.

The success of SLACSI shows that the intervention is an effective violence prevention strategy in parks as well. During the summer of 2019, Safe Passages successfully reduced all categories of violent crime in targeted South LA parks, providing that this program should be implemented in parks on a wide scale. This program demonstrates how community-driven public safety solutions can be implemented to de-escalate conflict and mitigate violence in our communities.

Residents have been using public parks more frequently due to gym closures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important that the City ensure that residents can enjoy these open spaces safely. Providing CIWs at two more parks in Council District 8 would help to ensure that families feel safe in the City's parks. The City has assured residents that public safety will be reimaged, in part through community-based public safety initiatives. The Safe Passages program is one such initiative that already exists and has improved safety in many neighborhoods in Los Angeles.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be instructed to identify \$220,000 in funding for hiring and training Community Intervention Workers for the Safe Passages Program in two South Los Angeles parks in Council District 8 that do not currently have Community Intervention Workers.

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