

HEALTH, EDUCATION, NEIGHBORHOODS,
PARKS, ARTS, AND RIVER

MOTION

In 1996, City voters adopted Proposition K: the L.A. for Kids Program. The measure provides \$25 million in assessment funds per year for 30 years for acquisition and capital improvements to parks, recreation, and community facilities serving youth citywide.

The primary purpose of Proposition K is to combat the inadequacies and decay of the City's youth infrastructure, which has resulted in serious unmet needs for park, recreation, childcare and community facilities.

Currently, Los Angeles is one of the few large cities in the United States without a dedicated youth department. As a result, youth outcomes trend negative with over 200,000 youth living in poverty, relying predominantly on shared public recreation facilities that meet their needs.

In the absence of a centralized Youth Department, sustaining funding that expands recreation, childcare and community facilities equitably is needed and demand has accelerated in the face of the pandemic. The City needs to begin planning in advance of the scheduled expiration date of Proposition K in order to continue these types of investments.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst be directed to report to Council with the steps necessary to create a new citywide assessment district to generate funds for youth infrastructure and facility maintenance, modeled after the Proposition K program, to begin prior to the Proposition K expiration date in order to prevent a lapse in program funding.

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