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Summary: On November 10, 2021, at a Brown Act compliant meeting, the NoHo Neighborhood Council voted unanimously to support Council File 21-0600-S73 to allocate funds from the LAPD Sworn Salaries budget to Unarmed Crisis Response Programs. Please see attached statement.

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## **Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 21-0600-S73**

### **Allocating Funds to Unarmed Crisis Response Programs**

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

On November 10, 2021, at a Brown Act compliant meeting, the NoHo Neighborhood council voted unanimously to support Council File 21-0600-S73 to allocate funds from the LAPD Sworn Salaries budget to Unarmed Crisis Response Programs.

Statewide between 2016 and 2019, over 3,000 incidents of serious use of force by Law Enforcement were reported. Of those more than half of the victims were reported to be experiencing some sort of impairment. In about 12% of the nearly 3,000 incidents reported, victims were described as having a mental health issue, about 15% were described as "erratic." About 14% were described as having an alcohol impairment and about 21% with a drug impairment. People described as having a mental health problem or as "erratic" were most likely to die as a result of these serious incidents. About 27% of people with mental health issues died, 36% of people described as "erratic" died. About 22% of people with drug impairments died, and 16% of people with alcohol impairments died.

[\(https://abc7.com/use-of-force-mental-health-injuries-deaths/10657057/\)](https://abc7.com/use-of-force-mental-health-injuries-deaths/10657057/)

Of all people LAPD officers shot from 2016 to 2019, nearly a quarter were perceived to be suffering from a mental illness, while more than 80% were believed to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, according to LAPD data.

[\(https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-06-13/lapd-shootings-edged-weapons\)](https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-06-13/lapd-shootings-edged-weapons)

So far this year, LAPD has opened fire 30 times, killing 11 people. This has already surpassed the number of shootings and killings from the previous 2 years. Chief Michael Moore had admitted that this increase is largely due to people experiencing mental health crises. Moore also said that some of the people suffering mental illness are already known to officers, who have tried to help them, but that officers are limited in what they can accomplish because other aspects of the city's mental health apparatus "are failing and failing miserably."

(<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-10-15/string-of-recent-lapd-shootings-pushe-s-2021-count-beyond-2020-2019-totals>)

Other cities have successfully piloted similar programs. Denver, Colorado recently piloted the STAR program, which during the first six months received more than 2,500 emergency calls. No calls required the assistance of police, and no one was arrested. Approximately 68% of people contacted were experiencing homelessness, and there were mental health concerns in 61% of cases.

(<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/02/06/denver-sent-mental-health-help-not-police-hundreds-calls/4421364001/>)

Eugene Oregon has successfully run the CAHOOTS program since 1989, and in 2019 they handled over 24,000 calls for service, diverting 20% of 911 calls from police.

(<https://www.cnn.com/2020/07/05/us/cahoots-replace-police-mental-health-trnd/index.html>)

The NoHo Neighborhood council applauds the work of Mayor Eric Garcetti and the Los Angeles City Council in creating budget items for Reimagining Public Safety, including the Therapeutic Unarmed Response for Neighborhoods (TURN) and Crisis and Incident Response Through Community-Led Engagement (CIRCLE) programs. As the city continues to reimagine public safety, it must commit to properly funding and managing these programs. Diverting city funds from LAPD sworn salaries to further these initiatives represents a commitment to equity and true public safety for Los Angeles.