

**MOTION**

I MOVE that the matter of the Homelessness and Poverty Committee Report and Resolution relative to the use of naloxone to treat opioid overdose among homeless individuals naloxone training and distribution for City staff and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority staff and contracted service providers and related matters, Item No. 15 on today's Council Agenda (CF 21-1415), BE AMENDED to adopt the attached Resolution for state and federal legislative advocacy in lieu of the Resolution attached to the Report.

PRESENTED BY   
EUNISSES HERNANDEZ  
Councilwoman, 1<sup>st</sup> District

SECONDED BY: 

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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Center for Health Impact Evaluation has released a report regarding "Recent Trends In Mortality Rates and Causes of Death Among People Experiencing Homelessness in Los Angeles County;" and

WHEREAS, the report found that drug overdose has been the leading cause of death among people experiencing homelessness since 2017, and that during the years of 2017 to 2019, homeless individuals were 36 times more likely to die of a drug overdose than the rest of the County population; and

WHEREAS, methamphetamines had the highest percentage of overdose deaths since 2018, and deaths from fentanyl overdose increased from 27 to 45 percent over the last two years; and

WHEREAS, there were 402 drug overdose deaths in the year prior to the pandemic, and 715 drug overdose deaths in the first 12 months of the pandemic, an increase of 313 deaths (78 percent increase); and

WHEREAS, fentanyl overdose deaths among Black and Latino homeless persons more than doubled since 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City should support legislation that would address the urgent need for our systems of care to provide support for homeless persons to prevent premature death from substance use;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution the City of Los Angeles includes in its 2023 - 2024 State and Federal Legislative Programs Sponsorship and/or Support of legislation that would address the following substance use related issues:

- Rapidly securing drug Medi-Cal certification for providers of substance use disorder treatment programs;
- Faster admission to substance use disorder programs through improved bed vacancy data within LA County's Service Bed Availability Tool;
- Increase federal funds for Medi-Cal services;
- Increase distribution of naloxone to homeless persons on the street, in shelter and interim housing, and for those exiting jail and correctional facilities;
- Improve drug overdose education for homeless service providers;
- Ensure substance use disorder outpatient services provided in recovery bridge housing are available throughout the patient's full treatment period;
- Expand syringe exchange programs to reduce overdose deaths, HIV, Hepatitis-C, and other infectious diseases; and
- Improve County contracted substance use disorder provider utilization of LAHSA's Homeless Management Information System to improve case management.