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Illegal dumping is a problem that every neighborhood is facing in Los Angeles. The Bureau of Sanitation (LA Sanitation and Environment, LASAN) is currently tasked with identifying and investigating individuals or businesses who are performing illegal dumping by issuing citations or by providing the necessary information to the City Attorney to prosecute the violators. Currently, LASAN has on average 6 staff daily who perform this duty for the entire City of Los Angeles. Over the past two calendar years LASAN has issued approximately 1,200 citations and referred 39 cases to the City Attorney for prosecution.

In order to catch illegal dumping, LASAN staff is limited to inspecting items that are illegally dumped and trying to determine their origin. LASAN does not have the resources to install surveillance cameras that could deter illegal dumping at priority locations. The prime locations for cameras are often street lighting or utility poles that may fall under the Bureau of Street Lighting, or the Department of Water and Power's jurisdiction.

Adequately staffing LASAN by setting up a robust system of illegal dumping cameras throughout the city and providing additional prosecutors to the City Attorney's Office could make a dramatic impact on improving the cleanliness of the city.

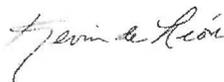
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation be INSTRUCTED, and the City Attorney be REQUESTED, to report on the resources needed to establish a robust illegal dumping enforcement and prosecution program.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation report back on the staffing, equipment, and office space required to provide a citywide program to install, maintain, and monitor cameras where illegal dumping is most prevalent.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Street Lighting and the Department of Water and Power report on their ability to host surveillance cameras on their utility or street lighting poles, including the costs, restrictions or limitations to doing so.

I FURTHER MOVE that, if necessary, the Bureau of Sanitation and City Attorney report back with any supplemental Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget requests that are needed in order to effectuate enhanced illegal dumping enforcement going forward.

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