

MOTION

PUBLIC SAFETY

All Angelenos want and deserve a city that is safe, welcoming and inclusive. The Police Department (LAPD) and Fire Department (LAFD) have always been tasked with leading public safety efforts and will always be important partners in keeping our City safe and ready to respond to emergencies.

Over recent fiscal years, the City has implemented various unarmed crisis response programs to address evolving public safety needs that may not require the involvement of armed law enforcement officers. In April 2023, the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) reported on all existing unarmed crisis response programs implemented by the City (CF 20-0769-S5), including information on each program’s budget, scope, model of service, target population, and metrics.

On June 30, 2023, Council authorized the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to negotiate, execute and administer service agreements with Alcott Center for Mental Health Services, Exodus Recovery, Inc., and Penny Lane Centers (CF 20-0769-S6) to provide unarmed crisis response services within designated pilot program geographic areas, for a term of one-year. Public safety call types that each service provider plans to address include several of the following: welfare checks, behavioral distress, mental health, substance abuse, suicide threats, public intoxication, and conflict resolution.

In addition to unarmed crisis response programs, the Mayor’s Office administers the Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) Program in various parts of the City. The GRYD Program works to improve the overall health and well-being of youth, young adults, families, and communities, as well as to provide positive alternatives to promote prosocial behavior.

The above programs are currently limited to certain areas of the City but should be expanded to cover all areas of the City to become part of the permanent public safety infrastructure. These programs are a worthwhile long-term investment, and it is time for the City to take the next steps to create a permanent holistic citywide alternative public safety model.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with assistance from the City Administrative Officer (CAO), the Mayor’s Office, Fire Department, Police Department and any other relevant department, be instructed to prepare and present a plan to consolidate all unarmed crisis response programs, including the Crisis and Incident Response through Community-Led Engagement Program, as well as the Gang Reduction and Youth Development Program within a new or existing department under transparent oversight of the Council and Mayor.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CLA and CAO be instructed to prepare and present a budget for expanding unarmed crisis response programs to cover all areas of the City and include possible mechanisms to fund these expanded programs.

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