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The City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) was established in July 2007 to address gang violence in a comprehensive and coordinated way throughout the City. Community-based service provision began in 2009.

The GRYD program supports gang prevention, intervention, and re-entry services with a focus on areas most impacted by crime and violence. The GRYD program provides innovative services designed to increase family and neighborhood resilience.

Over the years, GRYD developed and implemented a Comprehensive Strategy to drive funding and practice decisions across areas designated as GRYD Zones. GRYD currently provides gang intervention and prevention services in 23 GRYD Zones throughout the City of Los Angeles, along with regional juvenile reentry services, community engagement programming, and various other initiatives.

Part of GRYD programming is the City's Summer Night Lights (SNL) program. The SNL program provides extended recreational, cultural, educational, and resource-based programming on designated days between the hours of 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. SNL provides youth and families with a safe recreation space, employment opportunities, expanded programming, and linkages to services. SNL also provides an important platform for interagency collaboration through a partnership with over 100 local community-based organizations, educational and vocational institutions, and City and County agencies.

These programs are crucial in the City's effort to reduce crime in communities that have continued to see a higher than average rate of crime. The partnerships and trust these organizations build and cultivate are crucial in the City's Alternative Response Model.

In the 2023 - 2024 budget the City allocated \$41,373,869 to GRYD. Along with an additional allocation of \$6,400,000 to the Department of Recreation and Parks to administer the SNL program.

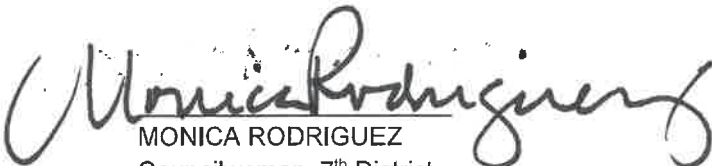
Transparency and accountability in the use of this approximately \$46.5 million allocation is critical and as the FY 24/25 budget is upcoming there must be public information provided regarding the administration and the allocation of the GRYD funds.

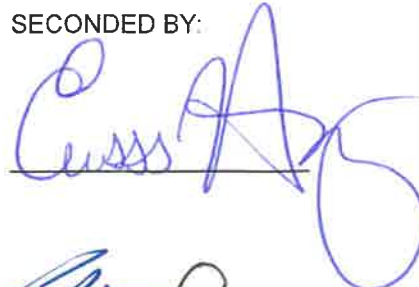
I THEREFORE MOVE the the City Council REQUEST the Mayor's Office, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, and the Chief Legislative Analyst to provide a written report to Public Safety Committee on the Gang Reduction and Youth Development program budget including a detailed account of the nonprofit partners who administer the program. The report should include the scope of work, duration and metrics for measuring success for each contract.

I FURTHER MOVE that the report includes costs and analysis on the expansion of Summer Night Lights to a year-round program and the expansion of the GRYD program to include additional areas of the City.

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