

# PERSONNEL AND HIRING

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### MOTION

During the 2024 calendar year, 70.1% of individuals placed into custody at city-run detention facilities required medical attention. This translates to thousands of individuals receiving care from medical professionals, highlighting the critical role these providers play in maintaining public safety and the health and well-being of the 43,000 individuals who are processed through the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) detention system each year. These medical professionals provide essential and sometimes lifesaving care to individuals, ensuring that urgent needs are being met. In order to manage the high volume of detainees in need of medical resources, the Medical Services Division housed within the Personnel Department currently operates three 24-hour medical clinics at each of the city's detention facilities: 77th Street, Van Nuys, and Metropolitan.


As part of a challenging 2025-2026 budget process, the Personnel Department's Medical Services Division sustained cuts as a result of as-needed salary fund reductions. In an effort to absorb these reductions while preserving other critical public safety services and staff, the Division has proposed suspending medical services at the 77th Street and Van Nuys Detention Facilities.

The loss of these clinics is not just likely to impact the well-being and quality of care of individuals in the care of LAPD, but could also increase overall costs in a number of ways. Following implementation of the proposed changes, arrestees arriving at the Van Nuys and 77th Street detention facilities who require medical attention will need to be transported to the Metro Detention facility in Downtown Los Angeles stretching thin our already understaffed sworn personnel or be seen by a contract medical provider which comes at a high price to the city exacerbating existing budgetary constraints. Furthermore, these positions have historically been difficult to retain due to more competitive salaries for qualified individuals being available elsewhere.

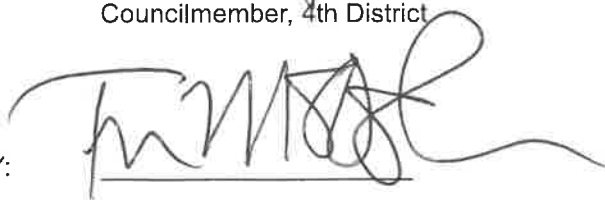
**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and Personnel Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report to the City Council within 30 days on the impact of shutting down medical services at the 77th Street and Van Nuys LAPD Detention Facilities that includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Potential impacts on the health and well-being of individuals in LAPD custody;
2. The impact of clinic closures on wait times and service provision at the remaining medical facility at the Metropolitan Detention Facility;
3. Potential strategies for improving recruitment and retention of medical personnel within the Medical Services Division, including but not limited to salary adjustments and related incentives;
4. A cost analysis of maintaining all three in-house medical clinics versus relying on contract providers and expanded LAPD custody transportation services; and
5. Impact of officers out of the field for transport to the Metro Detention Facility.

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