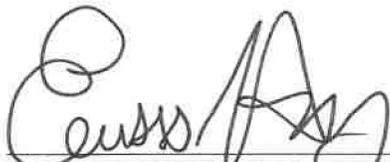


MOTION

The City of Los Angeles continues to invest in specialized teams that are deployed to de-escalate and respond to people experiencing mental and behavioral health crises and is working to better align with the County of Los Angeles' Alternative Crisis Response system. In order to continue expanding the network of alternative response teams deployed in the City, such as the Crisis and Incident Response through Community-Led Engagement (CIRCLE) program, the Unarmed Model of Crisis Response (UMCR) program, and other co-deployment models, strengthening the region's behavior health network and creating career pipelines to support this work is a necessary component to ensure successful scaling of these efforts.

In order for these nonviolent emergency programs to operate effectively, unarmed crisis workers, such as social workers, emergency health care personnel, and licensed clinicians, are necessary. There are numerous pathways for individuals to receive the necessary training and education, including certificate programs, undergraduate and post-graduate degrees, and crisis prevention instruction. It is imperative that the City help support and promote these educational opportunities to address the need for crisis workers, as well as involve stakeholders and inform the public about the City's CIRCLE and UMCR programs.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department and the Youth Development Department to report on strategies and the steps necessary to co-sponsor workshops to inform individuals about educational and career pathways to becoming crisis workers who would support the City's outreach programs to individuals experiencing homelessness and unarmed crisis response teams.

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