

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to littering in mass as a method to disseminate hate speech.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Blumenfield – Raman):

1. REQUEST the City Attorney, with assistance from the Los Angeles Police Department, to report on how the crime of littering in mass as a method to disseminate hate speech is currently addressed by the City along with ways to increase penalties that make it a misdemeanor for any person to litter with the intent to willfully injure, intimidate, interfere with, oppress, or threaten any other person based on their perceived characteristics.
2. DIRECT the Civil and Human Rights and Equity Department to report on alternative solutions to preventing and addressing hate speech that is disseminated via mass flyering.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:  
Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On November 28, 2023, your Committee considered a Motion (Blumenfield – Raman) relative to littering in mass as a method to disseminate hate speech. According to the Motion, the deliberate mass dissemination of flyers, pamphlets and letters as litter to deliver antisemitic messaging is sadly becoming a common occurrence nationwide with recent incidences locally in Culver City, Brentwood, Beverly Hills and Huntington Beach. The California Penal Code currently addresses certain hate crimes with punishments ranging from a fine to imprisonment. Unfortunately, the crime of littering mostly results in an infraction with only a fine as punishment. The dissemination of this litter is done under the cover of night in a most cowardly way. The perpetrators of this crime do so in the hope that it will harass and intimidate Jewish families, radicalize others, or desensitize some to the messaging. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion, as amended. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Public Safety Committee

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
LEE:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
PARK:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES

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