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Nuisance abatement-related enforcement in the City of Los Angeles has, over time, grown to include multiple layers of disjointed departmental review and responsibility in the matters relating to the enforcement of nuisance proceedings and abatement for vacant parcels, lots, uses, materials, buildings, and other circumstances. A clear understanding of which body has authority or involvement in various nuisance abatement proceedings can help the Council legislate ways to restructure and streamline this matter.

Currently, nuisance abatement and related code enforcement mechanisms are governed by various parts of the Los Angeles Municipal Code and Los Angeles Administrative Code, as well as through diverse departmental initiatives and programs established by ordinance.

In practice, City departments and offices appear to lack clarity in governance when it comes to which entity has the authority to initiate or engage in proceedings, as well as alternative procedures for this process. Whether through the issuance of administrative nuisance abatement proceedings or by the declaration of a public nuisance by way of Council authority, there are existing bureaucratic inefficiencies with how nuisance abatement is carried out across departmental engagement and sites across the City.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Office of the City Attorney, in consultation with the Chief Legislative Analyst, to report on the administration, enforcement, governance, implementation, and oversight of nuisance abatement proceedings in the Los Angeles Municipal Code and the Los Angeles Administrative Code. This should include all the City departments, entities, or offices, as well as the decision-making processes and requirements outlined in nuisance abatement proceedings, and should consider the inclusion of programs or policies such as the Administrative Citation Enforcement (“ACE”), Vacant Building Ordinance, and Citywide Nuisance Abatement Program (“CNAP”).

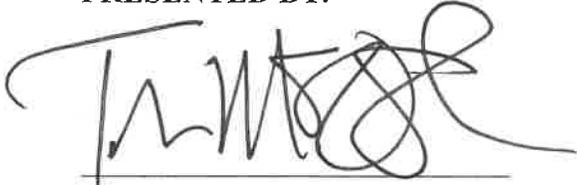
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Office of the City Attorney, in consultation with the Chief Legislative Analyst, to report on the personnel and the totality of resources required across these departments, entities, or offices related to the administration, enforcement, governance, implementation, and oversight of nuisance abatement proceedings in the Los Angeles Municipal Code and the Los Angeles Administrative Code.



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I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, in consultation with the Office of the City Attorney, to report on policy options and code amendments to streamline matters relative to the administration, enforcement, governance, implementation, and oversight of nuisance abatement proceedings as currently prescribed by the Los Angeles Municipal Code and the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

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