

MOTION

Los Angeles, like all corners of the United States, is in the midst of a deadly opioid crisis. One factor that differentiates the opioid crisis from other drug epidemics, however, is that we are fortunate to have a way to reverse opioid overdoses. Naloxone is a drug that blocks opiate receptors in the nervous system and is available to be administered through a nasal spray or injection. A simple nasal spray, when administered correctly, can be the difference between life and death for someone experiencing an opioid overdose.

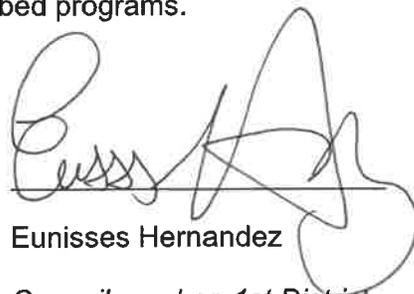
The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL), as well as many nonprofits and community-based organizations have instituted programs around Naloxone training and/or distribution already, saving countless lives from overdose-related deaths. The more that Naloxone and the proper training on its administration is distributed throughout our communities, the more lives can potentially be saved. While supplying our City workers and outward-facing Departments with Naloxone is an important piece of harm reduction efforts, getting it into the hands of community members is a crucial step towards combating opioid-related deaths.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer (CAO) be instructed to report within 30 days on City facilities, including but not limited to those operated or contracted for operation by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD), Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL), and the Youth Development Department (YDD), that could stock Naloxone and distribute it to the public.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO be instructed to report within 30 days on City Departments that could contract with service providers to provide Naloxone trainings for the public as part of their programming.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO identify existing City monies as well as County, State, and Federal grant opportunities to fund the above-described programs.

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