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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Council File Number: 21-0031

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Item Number:

Summary: The NoHo Neighborhood Council, by a unanimous vote, hereby supports Council File 21-0031, which would modify the CARE/CARE+ street cleaning and outreach protocols to conform with CDC guidelines. The CDC has issued guidelines that "Clearing encampments can cause people to disperse throughout the community and break connections with service providers. This increases the potential for infectious disease spread." In light of this, the NoHo NC supports the alternative to current CARE/CARE+ cleanups presently piloted in CD 11, wherein voluntary services are orchestrated via community ambassadors with outreach connections to the unhoused population. Said outreach teams seek compliance with ADA guidelines while simultaneously providing services such as food distribution, toilet services, showers, and tents without the need for law enforcement presence. NoHo NC respectfully requests that these improvements be codified in LASAN policy surrounding the CARE/CARE+ program.

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As of January 4, 2021, The LA County Department of Public Health showed 4,578 cases of COVID-19 among the unhoused population, as the pandemic grew out of control in the Winter months.

This motion, if adopted, would direct LASAN to develop service-based protocols for CARE+ operations, or to revise present policy to incorporate the following:

- Compliance with CDC guidelines regarding public health and encampments
- Regular, scheduled and well-publicized cleanings
- Offers by LASAN of services such as trash pick-up, bulky item pick-up, etc.
- Designation of areas where trash and waste can be placed for disposal and removal
- Use of community partners and ambassadors to conduct outreach and facilitation
- Provision of easy-ups or shade structures so people can temporarily relocate with their belongings during a cleaning
- Provision, through LASAN or partner agencies, of mobile showers, bathrooms, COVID-testing, tent exchange and distribution of food and water
- Hiring of unhoused residents to keep areas tidy between LASAN cleanings
- Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities.

With these adjustments, this council believes the CARE+ program can be improved while aligning with the LAHSA's harm reduction goals.

Sincerely,

Paul Storiale, President of the NoHo Neighborhood Council

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