

MOTION

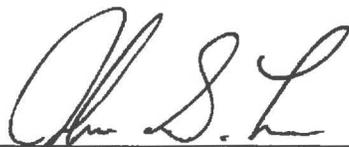
As early doses of the vaccines are prioritized for populations like frontline healthcare workers and seniors in long-term care facilities, COVID-19 tests are as important as ever to identify infectious persons and slow the spread of the virus among those who have not been vaccinated. It is important we stay vigilant in other important safety measures, including proper testing, mask wearing and social distancing. The city of Los Angeles should remain focused on providing as many tests as possible so people can access them throughout the duration of the pandemic and beyond.

While new COVID cases are decreasing statewide now is not the time to become lax in what we understand works to protect residents and detect the virus. Experts and Public Health officials have recently warned that increases in cases seen in parts of the United States and Europe could threaten California's progress, so we must continue to use every preventative measure available to us to slow the spread of the virus. It is important that diagnostic companies, public health leaders, policymakers and the community continue to advocate for the role of vaccines and testing in partnership with other important safety measures like mask wearing, social distancing and hand washing.

I THEREFORE MOVE, the office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, the Mayor's office and all necessary City departments to report, on the status of COVID testing within the City.

I FURTHER MOVE this report should include, a complete analysis of costs and effectiveness of the different types of COVID testing used by the City.

I FURTHER MOVE this report should include analysis of costs and effectiveness of different types of COVID testing not used by the City and options for improving the City's COVID testing program.

PRESENTED BY 
JOHN S. LEE
Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY 

MAR 3 1 2021 