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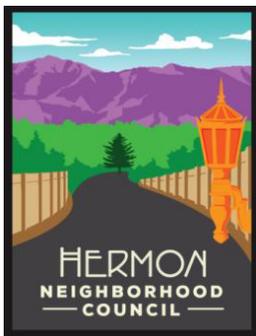
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Council File Number: 20-0769

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Summary: The Hermon Neighborhood Council would like to express our support for this Motion (20-0769), and we urge the City to develop and invest in an unarmed crisis response program, similar to the Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets (CAHOOTS) Program in Eugene, Oregon. Roughly 92 percent of calls that the Los Angeles Police Department responds to are nonviolent, and the City uses LAPD officers as first responders in a variety of service calls for which they are not specially trained. The arrival of armed officers can exacerbate and escalate situations, especially in mental health crises. Studies have shown that people with mental illness account for 1 in 4 people killed in police encounters, and people with severe untreated mental illness are 16 times more likely to be killed during an encounter with police. We applaud the City for exploring unarmed crisis response options and seeking community feedback; at the same time, we urge the City to begin rolling out such pilot programs as soon as possible.



HERMON NEIGHBORHOOD — COUNCIL —

Honorable City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Council File 20-0769

The Hermon Neighborhood Council requests that the following Community Impact Statement be attached/added to Council File 20-0769, which calls for the City to explore unarmed crisis-intervention options.

June 10, 2021

Community Impact Statement to Support Unarmed Model of Crisis Response / Non-Violent Calls for Service / Non-Law Enforcement Agencies

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