

The City of Los Angeles, and the Southern California region at large, have an abundance of nurses, doctors and physicians assistants that work in various specialties at doctors offices, clinics, hospitals, medical centers and Universities.

Many homeless residents do not have access to regular preventative medical services, and frequently use the services of 911 and Los Angeles Fire Department Firefighter - Paramedics to as their primary care provider.

Given the large number of trained medical professionals in the region, it is appropriate for the City to investigate the feasibility of establishing a volunteer medical corps, to work in concert with LAFD, to provide non-emergency street medicine services to unhoused residents. This could potentially reduce the demand for LAFD Emergency Medical Services and provide a higher level of care to those on the street.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Fire Department, be DIRECTED to report with recommendations on the establishment of a volunteer emergency medical corps for the City of Los Angeles, to provide medical services to persons experiencing homelessness.

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