

BUDGET & FINANCE

MOTION

The future of public safety lies with a balanced approach — one that elevates and further professionalizes the role of unarmed responders, and invests in programs and strategies focused on alternatives to policing and strengthening human bonds in and outside of law enforcement. Our commitment to shaping the future of criminal justice reform means investing today in the vision for tomorrow, and L.A. is leading that conversation. Under the Therapeutic Unarmed Response for Neighborhoods (TURN) initiative, the newly-launched CIRCLE program, alongside a pilot partnership between the Los Angeles Fire Department and the L.A. County Department of Mental Health, represent two recent innovations that remove armed response from situations that do not warrant it, and take therapeutic approaches to assisting people who are experiencing homelessness or dealing with a mental health crisis that results in a call to 911.

These programs are already showing signs of extraordinary impact and wide acceptance, and are on a path to matching the success of a predecessor in L.A.'s unarmed response, which has long been a model for programs throughout America and the world: the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD). For well over a decade, GRYD intervention and prevention workers have responded to — and just as importantly, personally absorbed — trauma in our communities with an unarmed model built on trust and cultural competency. Its success on the frontline of this approach has been documented and quantified by leading researchers, and shows in the support it attracts from local residents who rely on its services in community engagement, gang prevention, gang intervention, and violence interruption.

Resources in the TURN Innovation Fund will enable the City to take bold steps toward building additional capacity and forming new partnerships — in order to better integrate existing unarmed alternatives to policing with the community/clinical approach that is showing so much promise in a future being defined by the movements for racial justice and criminal justice reform. We can begin by deploying pilot programs targeted specifically at those GRYD zones most acutely affected by the recent surge in gun violence that is being experienced in cities across the U.S. The intent of these pilots will be to integrate data-driven approaches for aligned services including clinical response and victim services in order to engender better outcomes for all.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, appropriate/transfer \$2,295,000 from the Unappropriated Balance Fund No. 100-58, Community Initiatives Account No. 580335, to Mayor Fund No. 100-46, Contractual Services Account No. 003040, to provide the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) funding for deploying unarmed alternatives to policing pilot programs targeted specifically at those GRYD zones most acutely affected by the recent surge in gun violence; and further, authorize the Mayor's Office to prepare, process and execute any documents, including contracts and contract amendments, with service providers or any other agencies or organizations, as appropriate to provide said pilot programs.



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