

MOTION

The City of Los Angeles is facing a crisis when it comes to trash, bulky items, and illegal dumping. In every corner of the city, pieces of furniture, loose debris, and trash piles are prevalent. The city currently has a multi-pronged approach to deal with this problem that involves the Bureau of Sanitation and a number of nonprofits.

The Bureau of Sanitation currently has nine (9) two-person teams across the city that respond to the cleanup of illegal dumping. These crews are deployed out of five (5) yards across the city on a daily basis. Separately, the Office of Community Beautification provides funding to city contractors to address loose trash and debris in city neighborhoods. And finally, despite the resources allocated to the Bureau of Sanitation and the Office of Community Beautification for the cleanup of trash and illegal dumping, many Council Districts have allocated their own discretionary funds to fund their own cleanup crews in order to address the sheer volume of trash in the city. While it is commendable that Council Districts are using discretionary funds to clean their district, this is not sustainable and is emblematic of the losing battle the city has been fighting in addressing trash and illegal dumping in the city.

The city consistently pours more resources every year into cleaning the public right of way, but progress has been slow and the city is not moving the needle on neighborhood cleanliness. A better strategy is needed that integrates existing resources and adequately staffs the Bureau of Sanitation so that the city can more proactively address illegal dumping and trash. The city should allocate resources so that illegal dumping can be responded to within 48 hours of it being reported or identified.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst, in coordination with the Bureau of Sanitation and Office of Community Beautification, report back on the resources used to address trash pickup and illegal dumping in the city.

I FURTHER MOVE that this report should include the amount of crews and funding allocated for the Bureau of Sanitation, the Office of Community Beautification's contractors, and by Council District discretionary funds.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation report back with an integrated strategy to coordinate amongst the bureau and all additional resources allocated towards cleanliness and also detail additional resources that are needed in order to respond to illegally dumping requests within 48 hours of them being reported or identified.

I FURTHER MOVE that, if needed, the Bureau of Sanitation report back with supplemental Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget requests based upon the findings of the reports.

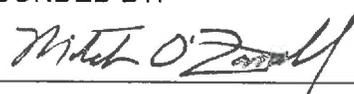
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