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In 2021 the City began an unarmed Pilot program to respond to unhoused individuals having a mental health crisis on the streets of Los Angeles. The Crisis and Incident Response through Community Lead Engagement (CIRCLE) Pilot, which has provided 24/7 mobile crisis intervention in the Hollywood and Venice areas of the Police Department's West Bureau, as well as deploying teams to "hot spots" across the City/Bureau.

CIRCLE teams are dispatched through the LAPD 911 communications center for non-violent and non-medically urgent calls related to homelessness. These response teams are equipped with crisis workers with lived experience, homeless outreach workers, and a licensed mental health clinician.

The City is expanding the program into the Northeast San Fernando Valley. These areas of the City have a disproportionate number of residents who are in need of mental health services. Actions they engage in are often responded to by law enforcement agencies who are ill equipped and not trained to handle the situations. The addition of the CIRCLE program will help the resident in need get connected to the proper services.

The City owns space at 6262 Van Nuys Blvd. Suite E in Van Nuys, which is under the jurisdiction of the Department of General Services. This space would be optimal for use by Urban Alchemy, who will be administering the program, for the CIRCLE Pilot.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of General Services, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, be directed to negotiate a lease agreement with Urban Alchemy for the use of 6262 Van Nuys Blvd. Suite E in Van Nuys, as part of the Crisis and Incident Response through Community Lead Engagement (CIRCLE) Pilot Program in Council District Six, with terms and conditions consistent with the City's contracts with Urban Alchemy for these programs.

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