

## MOTION

On August 24, 2022, Motion O'Farrell-Martinez-Rodriguez (CF: 22-0978) was introduced initiating the start of a unified unarmed response citywide, seeking to bring together all efforts under one agency. The policy is meant to divert tens of thousands of non-violent, non-emergency calls that traditionally are worked on by LAPD; an estimated 140,000 calls are taken a year relating to people experiencing homelessness. In particular, the Crisis and Incident Response through Community-led Engagement (CIRCLE) program that began in Hollywood earlier this year, has been a major success in achieving the goal of providing people experiencing homelessness with care and services. CIRCLE provides a crisis response team (CRT) 24/7 within an identified area to respond to, and divert 9-1-1 non-emergency, non-violent calls. The team includes a licensed mental health clinician, and outreach practitioners. CIRCLE also provides proactive outreach 8 hours a day, 7 days a week, and carries first aid equipment, water, snacks, clothing and Narcan.

The Echo Park, Historic-Filipinotown, and Rampart Village neighborhoods of Council District 13 are in great need of the services provided by the successful CIRCLE. For years, the District has focused on housing solutions, especially low-barrier / no barrier options, such as safe sleep sites, tiny home villages, and also permanent housing solutions. Importantly, these housing solutions work together; the former safe sleep village on Madison Ave / Beverly Blvd for example, provided 68 spaces for up to 90 unhoused individuals and their tents, but will eventually be a 454 low, very low and extremely low income permanent housing development.

The City Council has championed housing, services, and now, unarmed response when focusing on unhoused individuals. Council's adoption of a framework in CF: 22-0978 will ensure that a coordinated city-wide agency formalizes assistance and help for people experiencing homelessness. However, CIRCLE I started in Hollywood, and should continue to grow in Council District 13 to provide support for unhoused people in need. To do so, Council must modify contract C-139200 in order to ensure that the Historic Filipinotown, Rampart Village and Echo Park area receive the CIRCLE program, including staffing and equipment needs.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Office of the Mayor be requested, with assistance from the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Chief Legislative Analyst, and the City Attorney, to amend contract C-139200 (Urban Alchemy) to include the neighborhoods of Rampart Village, Historic Filipinotown and Echo Park in the City's Crisis and Incident Response through Community-led Engagement (CIRCLE) program beginning in the first quarter of 2023, and further instruct the CAO to identify funding needed for this purpose.

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