

**MOTION**

In the wake of a crime, it is the City's responsibility to ensure that the victim and their family are connected with services to help them as they navigate a challenging and life-changing trauma. Whether it's financial aid, housing relocation, food, counseling, or legal services, there are many critical resources that the City can and should assist residents with navigating.

This is especially true for victims of police violence. The recent deaths of Takar Smith, Keenan Anderson, and Oscar Leon have revealed a complicated and decentralized web of services and resources available to victims and their families. Sometimes the offer of these services to victims comes from the police station from which the responding officer was deployed. It is unsettling and traumatic for the entity responsible for causing harm to a family to be the same entity reaching out to offer support or services.

The City Attorney's Office also houses the Victim Assistance Program which is dedicated to serving crime victims located in the Los Angeles area and beyond. These victim advocates have offices located throughout the City of Los Angeles in various Los Angeles Police Department area stations. In cases where lawsuits are filed against the Los Angeles Police Department, the City Attorney will serve as legal representation for the department. As such, it is inappropriate for a victim or family's potential opposing legal counsel to be the entity guiding them through care-focused programs. For these reasons, it is imperative that we create a program that can truly provide the necessary trauma-informed care and resources to victims and their families

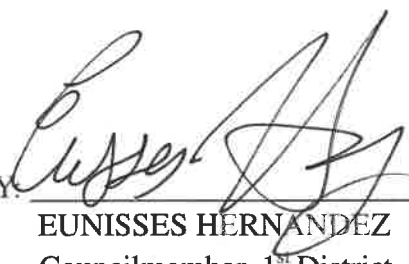
The Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD)'s explicit mission is to "align and augment community investments for families and neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles and create opportunities for all Angelenos to prosper," and already serves as a link between community members and services such as Homelessness Prevention, Domestic Violence/Human Trafficking Shelter, and Los Angeles' Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program (BIG:LEAP). Connection to survivor services should come from a department that is involved in the support and betterment of Angelenos.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Community Investment for Families Department, in collaboration with the Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department, the Office of the City Administrative Officer, and the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, in consultation with the City Attorney's Office to report back within 60 days on funding and procurement process necessary to create an Office of Survivor and Victims Services within CIFD to serve as the sole provider of survivor and victim services, including in cases of police violence. This report should include a process and timeline to end the Office of the City Attorney's Victim Services Program and LAPD's Family Liaison Program, replacing those programs with the new Office of Survivor Services housed within CIFD.

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