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Coming into contact with the criminal justice system, even for what would be considered a minor crime, can impact a person's life forever. From difficulties finding employment to having rental applications rejected, the barriers a person can face with a crime on their record are often significant and devastating. For that and myriad other reasons, it should therefore be our goal as a City to prevent Angelenos from touching the court and carceral systems that can deteriorate their chances at thriving livelihoods.

One of the avenues to prevention can simply be education. Our Municipal Code is vast, and, due to the work of this Council, ever changing. For example, CF 22-0390 recently produced an Ordinance, effective in June, outlining new guidelines for the possession of catalytic converters. Targeted outreach to groups this Ordinance is most likely to impact, such as auto repair shop owners and employees, educating them about the new law could be a vital prevention tactic in preventing violations from occurring in the first place.


But for all the proactive education we engage in, crimes can still occur. With the impacts on the rest of someone's life who is facing the criminal justice system so deep and far-reaching, any efforts we can engage in to offer alternative pathways are crucial.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney report on:

- All existing programs within the City Attorney's Office that focus on proactive outreach and education to preempt crimes being committed and/or divert cases from the court and carceral systems; and,
- Any available data pertaining to each program, including but not limited to the amount of participants who have utilized the program, the percentage of cases that are successfully diverted from the court or carceral systems from these programs, and the number of stakeholders reached by outreach efforts.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), identify any available grants at the local, state, or federal levels that could be used to create additional programs to proactively educate and to divert from the court and carceral systems.

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