

## MOTION

Now is the time for a reconceptualization of how we operate as a City. If Los Angeles is to live up to its civic ideals, we must move forward to become a model city that addresses community safety in a constructive and proactive way. Budget cuts in social services have resulted in law enforcement taking on a greater role in dealing with homelessness, mental health and even COVID-19 related responses, and we have been asking for too much from LAPD while not properly funding these services. We have gone from asking the police to be part of the solution, to being the only solution for problems they should not be called on to solve in the first place.

As the Country engages in a national conversation on the re-imagining of public safety, the City of Los Angeles should look to be a leader (like it has in the past) and act boldly to structurally change how it delivers services to its residents, particularly those who have been historically marginalized and neglected. In order to properly service the most vulnerable, the City of Los Angeles should look to advance non-law enforcement solutions in circumstances that are non-criminal.

The first step the City of Los Angeles can take to re-imagine public safety is to develop a systematic crisis-response plan to directly connect people in need to City, County or community-based service providers and replace law enforcement presence in non-violent, non-criminal situations with a range of unarmed service providers including medical professionals, mental health workers, homeless outreach workers and other unarmed professionals with specialized training.

**I THEREFORE MOVE**, that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Administrative Officer, with assistance from the Los Angeles Police Department and LAHSA and in cooperation with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and other relevant government service providers, to develop an unarmed model of crisis response that would divert non-violent calls for service (mental health crisis, substance abuse, neighbor disputes etc.) away from LAPD to the appropriate non-law enforcement agencies.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst to analyze and report back on programs such as CAHOOTS in Eugene, Oregon as well other models of crisis intervention.

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