

POLICY MOTION

DIRECTOR'S MOTION – AARON VANEK, ZONE 6 DIRECTOR

TITLE: Support for CF 25-1136 – Neighborhood Prosecutor Program / Crime Prevention / Local Engagement / Reestablishing

BACKGROUND:

The Neighborhood Prosecutor Program (Program) was created to make Los Angeles a safer city through crime prevention and local engagement. The Program assigned each Los Angeles Police Division a dedicated Deputy City Attorney to act as local prosecutor for that community. These attorneys collaborated closely with community representatives and Senior Lead Officers (SLOs) to identify and solve criminal problems.

The Program was designed to proactively address safety and quality of life issues such as illegal dumping, graffiti, and drug sales before they escalate into more serious offenses.

In 2023, the Program was discontinued due to re-organization in the City Attorney's office, and prosecutors were reassigned. Yet the NBP was beloved by many stakeholders.

CF 25-1136 asks the City Attorney and City Administrative Officer to complete a feasibility study about reestablishing the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program.

THE MOTION:

The Mar Vista Community Council supports CF 25-1136 and the possible reestablishment of the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program and having a regular, locally-informed connection to the City Attorney's office.

DIRECTED TO:

City Clerk

Councilmember- Katy Yaroslavsky CD-5

Councilmember-Traci Park CD-11

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MOTION

The Neighborhood Prosecutor Program (Program) was created to make Los Angeles a safer City through crime prevention and local engagement. The Program assigned each Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) division a dedicated Deputy City Attorney to act as a local prosecutor for that community. These attorneys collaborated closely with community representatives and LAPD Senior Lead Officers (SLOs) to identify and solve criminal problems. For quality-of-life offenses, the prosecutors would work with SLOs to refer cases to the Citywide Nuisance Abatement Program (CNAP) for prosecution, ensuring that neighborhood concerns were effectively addressed.

Specifically, the Program aimed to improve community safety by proactively addressing issues such as illegal dumping, graffiti, and drug sales before they escalated into more serious offenses. The Program's success stemmed from its community-focused approach with prosecutors working closely with residents and LAPD to create effective solutions for local issues. However, in 2023, due to a reorganization in the City's Attorney Office, the Program was discontinued, and prosecutors were reassigned. The Community Law Corps Division was later created to deliver similar services as the Program; however, it lacks the community-focused approach that many residents of the City had appreciated. Due to the previous success of the Program, the City should explore the possibility of reestablishing the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program in order to help create a safer Los Angeles.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report on the feasibility of reestablishing the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program.

PRESENTED BY:


IMELDA PADILLA
Councilmember, 6th District

SECONDED BY:

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