

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT MOTION #65  
COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

The Los Angeles City Council has recognized the need for a comprehensive and coordinated strategy to address the problem of gang violence. That strategy must include a strong emphasis on effective prevention and intervention programs and strategies that provide young people with positive, meaningful alternatives and opportunities.

Similarly, a cornerstone of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's Gang Reduction Strategy is the Gang Reduction Zone, which would receive saturated prevention, intervention, and reentry resources in combination with law enforcement suppression strategies. A total of eight Gang Reduction Zones are identified in the Mayor's plan, including the Ramona Gardens community in Boyle Heights.

The children and families of Ramona Gardens can benefit tremendously from the proposed Gang Reduction Zone. The first step in each Zone is to conduct a comprehensive needs and resource assessment in order to develop a meaningful, comprehensive community strategy that effectively balances prevention, intervention, reentry, and suppression efforts.

Sufficient funds have been identified in the Unappropriated Balance/Gang Prevention, Intervention, and Reduction line item to fund an assessment of Ramona Gardens, which will be conducted by an external contractor. The City is currently facing a variety of budgetary challenges, including an unusually low Reserve Fund. As such, the City Council has temporarily suspended expenditures from the Unappropriated Balance until the Reserve Fund has reached healthier levels.

Due to the need to act immediately in the Ramona Gardens community, it is imperative that the City act now to lay the groundwork needed to end gang violence.

I THEREFORE MOVE that, subject to the approval of the Mayor, up to \$40,000 in the Central Los Angeles Recycling and Transfer Station (CLARTS) Community Amenities Trust Fund No. 47S, Department 14, be utilized to fund a comprehensive needs and resource assessment of Ramona Gardens, to be reimbursed when the Unappropriated Balance becomes available for use; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to prepare the necessary document(s) with, and/or payments to a contractor selected in accordance with City contracting policies, subject to the approval of the City Attorney; and that the Councilmember of the District, in collaboration with the City's Gang Activity Reduction Strategy Oversight Steering Committee, be authorized to execute any such documents on behalf of the City; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be authorized to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above instructions necessary to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

PRESENTED BY: Jose Huizar  
JOSE HUIZAR  
Councilmember, 14<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: Tony Cardenas

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