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### **COUNCILMEMBER JOSE HUIZAR CALLS FOR CITY STRATEGY TO ADDRESS METHAMPHETAMINE CRISIS**

City Hall—City Councilmember José Huizar called today for improved City strategies to fight the crippling impacts of methamphetamine on Los Angeles.

“Methamphetamine is a public health threat of epidemic proportions, and we as a City have to start fighting back,” Councilmember Huizar said.

Said Huizar, “To beat this threat, we’ll need to do a better job across the board. We have to make sure people know the risks of meth use to prevent it in the first place. But we also have to stop the flow of drugs across our borders, and to provide real treatment alternatives for people who do become addicted,” he said.

Use of the drug has spiked throughout Los Angeles in recent years. Some communities have been particularly hard hit. A recent *Los Angeles Times* article reports that gay men who had used meth in the previous year were five times more likely to test positive for HIV.

The article also notes the prevalence of meth use among homeless youth, who rely on the drug to stay awake through the night and to suppress hunger.

Huizar introduced a Council Motion calling on the Los Angeles Police Department and the City Attorney to recommend improved strategies to stop production and trafficking of meth in Los Angeles.

The motion also calls for ways to prevent meth usage in Los Angeles and improve access to effective treatment options for recovering addicts. Councilmember Bill Rosendahl seconded the motion.

Said Rosendahl, “Our communities continue to be adversely impacted by methamphetamine use. We must educate the public about the detrimental effect of this drug.”