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Throughout the City and County of Los Angeles, graffiti vandalism continues to plague neighborhoods and destroy personal and public property. In many cases, the vandals are minors.

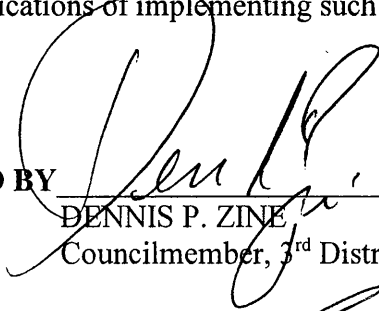
The County of Los Angeles is considering a pilot program whereby parents of minors involved with graffiti vandalism are held accountable for the actions of their children.

The components of the program would include:

- 1. Establishing a set of civil fine standards whereby graffiti vandals and, in the cases involving minors, their parents would automatically be issued a base fine, and the cost of graffiti clean-up, upon receiving a graffiti citation; and
- 2. Establishing an Administrative Hearing Panel whose members would convene in graffiti vandalism cases and would provide due process to accused graffiti vandals and, in cases involving minors, their parents in a process similar to traffic court.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct (1) the Department of Public Works and the City Attorney to report back on the feasibility of establishing a similar program in the City, and (2) the City Administrative Officer to report on the budgetary implications of implementing such a program.

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