

PUBLIC SAFETY

M O T I O N

The City of Los Angeles has enacted many laws to attack the blight of graffiti which permeates our streets, neighborhoods, businesses, and communities. We must continue to pursue every opportunity to prevent the actions which deface public and private property, contributing to blight and impacting the quality of life.

Spray paint cans are often the tool of choice by graffiti criminals and Los Angeles has enacted legislation that has required that these spray paint cans be stored in a locked container in retail establishments. However, more can be done.

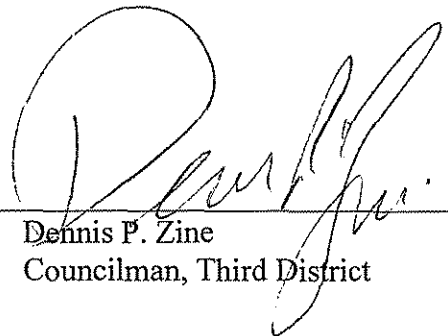
A number of cities have established an age requirement to purchase spray paint cans, and Chicago has banned the sale of them within city limits altogether. It would be worthwhile for Los Angeles to consider such legislation to create one more hurdle between the graffiti vandal and their crime.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst report to the City Council on the extent of existing legislation in other jurisdictions for age restricted spray paint can sales and the benefit it provides to the cities where it has been enacted.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department report to the City Council on the age of individuals arrested for graffiti crimes to assist with the evaluation of what age should be considered for establishing a citywide ban for underage purchases of spray paint cans; no lower than 18 years but up to the age of 21.

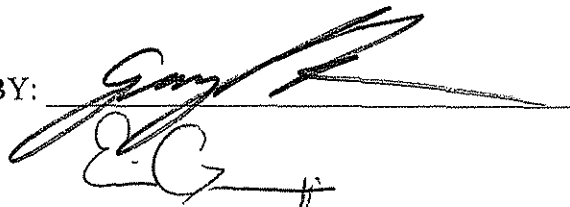
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be instructed to draft an ordinance based on the consideration of these facts to outlaw the sale of spray paint cans to minors in the City of Los Angeles.

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