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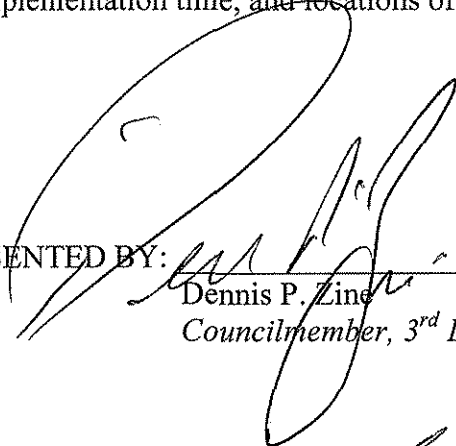
Graffiti is a plague that has infected all corners of the City of Los Angeles. Despite the best efforts of law enforcement and community beautification groups, taggers persist in destroying our neighborhoods. In the interest of preserving public safety, the City should encourage and support programs that seek to reduce or eliminate graffiti blight.

One such program, aimed at stopping graffiti with the use of tagger injunctions, has been unveiled recently by the office of the City Attorney. These injunctions would give police new abilities to launch pre-emptive strikes against previously convicted taggers before they have the chance to repeat their crimes. Similar to existing gang injunctions, the program would treat tagging as a criminal enterprise. Measures would be put in place to bar known taggers from congregating together in the areas of the City hardest-hit by graffiti.

The City Attorney's new approach to combating graffiti merits a full public discussion for the benefit of policymakers and community members alike. A briefing by the City Attorney's office on the tagger injunction program in the Public Safety Committee would serve this purpose.

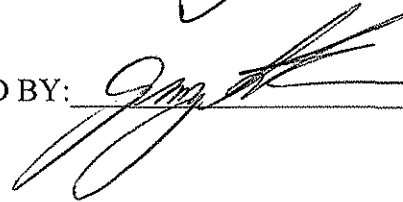
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to report to the Public Safety Committee with an informational briefing on the proposed tagger injunction program, including details of the scope, estimated implementation time, and locations of such injunctions.

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