

Community Impact Statement Recommendation

To: Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Board

From: Livability Committee

Date Approved by Committee: 9/16/21

For Board Consideration on: 10/12/21

Re: Council File 21-0953 - Urban Alchemy Clean Team / Skid Row / Litter Removal / Bulky Item Trash / Program Expansion

Motion or Recommendation of the committee:

The Livability Committee recommends a **Yes** vote on CF 21-0953.

For	X
For if amended	
Against	

Against unless amended	
No Position	
Neutral Position	

Committee Vote Count: Unanimous

Summary:

The Council File instructs the Board of Public Works and Bureau of Sanitation to report back on the efficiency and effectiveness of Urban Alchemy's Clean Team in Skid Row for litter and bulky item trash removal, and potential expansion of the program Citywide. In addition, the Council File instructs the CAO and the CLA to report on additional funding sources to expand Urban Alchemy's Clean Team to other parts of the City.

MOTION

The City recently executed a new contract with Urban Alchemy as part of the Skid Row Cleaning Program. Under the contract, managed by the Board of Public Works, Urban Alchemy is responsible for removing litter from City sidewalks, gutters, tree wells, and planters; sidewalk “sharp” pickup and safe disposal; reporting vandalism on public infrastructure; removing overflowing debris from City trash cans; and collecting and reporting large refuse items in the public right-of-way within the Skid Row area.

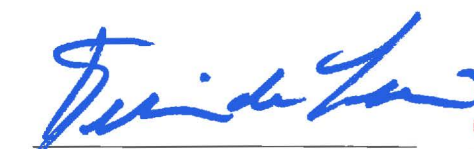
This Urban Alchemy Skid Row Clean Team operates eight hours a day, seven days a week, performing a vital service that helps prevent the buildup of trash and debris for residents experiencing homelessness on our City streets awaiting services and housing interventions. Under the program and as a general company practice, Urban Alchemy recruits and hires individuals who are or have experienced homelessness and/or are formerly incarcerated to their staff as well as their Skid Row Clean Team. As a result, the program is providing local employment opportunities to individuals who may have few options to earn a steady income, while performing much needed services in our City.

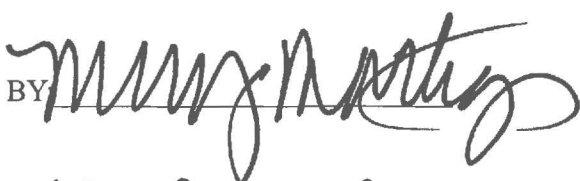


The Skid Row Cleaning Program launched in 2019 and, due to its success, has continued each successive year, funded by the Homeless, Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program. The current contract runs through the next year with two one-year extension options. Given the ongoing positive work that is done under this program, the Council should assess this program's effectiveness and its potential scalability for expansion to other areas of the City.

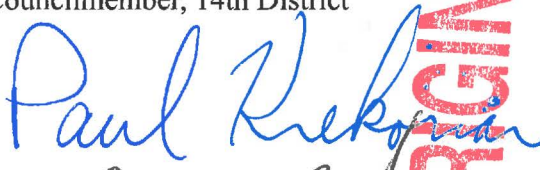
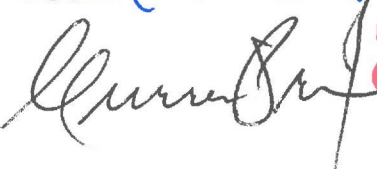
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Public Works, with the assistance of the Bureau of Sanitation, be instructed to report on the efficiency and effectiveness of the work performed by the Urban Alchemy Clean Team in Skid Row to reduce litter and bulky item trash and to report on the feasibility of expanding this program Citywide.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst be instructed to report on potential funding sources to expand the Urban Alchemy Clean Team program to include other regions of the City.


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