

HEALTH, EDUCATION, NEIGHBORHOODS, PARKS, ARTS, AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the COVID-19 guidelines for wearing masks in public, enforcement, and the safety and efficacy of masks.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) report dated May 11, 2020, attached to the Council file, relative to the COVID-19 guidelines for wearing masks in public, enforcement, and the safety and efficacy of masks.
2. INSTRUCT the CLA with the assistance of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, Bureau of Street Services, Emergency Management Department (EMD), Department of Recreation and Parks; and, REQUEST that the Los Angeles County (County) Department of Public Health (DPH) as needed, to report in 30 days on current enforcement protocols related to wearing masks in public and any recommendations for enforcement, including the issuance of citations, in indoor and outdoor public spaces going forward.
3. INSTRUCT the CLA, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), EMD, and Economic Workforce and Development Department; and, REQUEST the assistance of the County DPH as needed, to report back in 30 days on the development of a coordinated public information campaign with the County, State of California, and any other jurisdictions, to encourage residents to wear masks in public, the feasibility of contracting with a public relations firm to manage a campaign, and any financial resources available, including CARES Act funding, that could be used to support the campaign.
4. INSTRUCT the CLA to report in 30 days on the following:
 - a. Requiring all City employees, including the proprietary departments, to wear masks at all times when working indoors and outdoors until the end of the COVID-19 crisis, to protect themselves, to protect each other, and to protect constituents and visitors in City-owned buildings and on City-owned property.
 - b. Any type of equity programs for disadvantaged communities relative to Citywide mask wearing programs.
 - c. Synopsis on research currently underway relative to the transmission of COVID-19.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At a special meeting held on June 26, 2020, the Health, Education, Neighborhoods, Parks, Arts, and River Committee discussed the May 11, 2020 CLA report relative to the COVID-19 guidelines for wearing masks in public, enforcement, and the safety and efficacy of masks. The

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CLA report, attached to the Council file, includes some background on the matter. Councilmember Paul Koretz participated in the Committee's discussion regarding enforcement protocols related to wearing masks in public; and, requiring City employees to wear masks at all times, both indoors and outdoors, during their performance of duties and interactions with the public.

After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to note and file the CLA report and approve the recommendations detailed above, as amended. This matter is now transmitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HEALTH, EDUCATION, NEIGHBORHOODS, PARKS, ARTS, AND RIVER COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

RYU: YES

O'FARRELL: YES

PRICE: YES

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