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****MEDIA ALERT FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2022 AT 11:30 AM****

LA Councilmembers announce plan to accelerate response times for illegal dumping and expand CARE and CARE+ cleanups across Los Angeles

WHAT Tomorrow, Councilmembers Kevin de León (District 14), Paul Koretz (District 5), and Mitch O'Farrell (District 13), will join City department leaders and community members following the Council's vote on measures that will expand services for cleaner streets. The trio will announce an increase in city services, including the doubling of the Bureau of Sanitation's staffing to reduce the response times for illegal dumping and an expansion of the City's Comprehensive Cleaning and Rapid Engagement (CARE/CARE+) program for homeless encampments.

DATE Wednesday, April 13, 2022

TIME 11:30 AM

LOCATION Los Angeles City Hall
Spring Street Forecourt (atop Spring Street steps)
200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

WHO COUNCILMEMBER KEVIN DE LEÓN
COUNCILMEMBER PAUL KORETZ
COUNCILMEMBER MITCH O'FARRELL
SAL ROSALES, CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE INSPECTOR, LA SAN & ENV.

WHY Councilmembers de León, Koretz and O'Farrell will join city department leaders following the anticipated approval of the City Council's passage of a series of measures (increased staffing, funding sanitation trucks, surveillance cameras, CARE/CARE+ staff and the reconvening of the City's interdepartmental illegal dumping task force) needed to more rapidly remove illegally dumping and provide additional homeless encampment services.

In response to the proliferation of illegal dumping affecting LA neighborhoods, Councilmember De León (CD14) introduced a series of motions to improve the City's ability to expedite trash removal from streets, sidewalks, and other public rights-of-ways. Councilmember Koretz (CD5) introduced efforts calling for additional surveillance cameras and other deterrent measures. Councilmember O'Farrell, who chairs the Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and River Committee, expedited the motions to help quickly implement services to address the City's increased blight impacting neighborhoods across Los Angeles.

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Councilmember De León is the former California Senate Pro Tem and is a member of the LA City Council's Public Works Committee. He is also Chair of the Homelessness & Poverty Committee and the Immigrant Affairs, Civil Rights, and Equity Committee.

Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz has represented the Fifth District since 2009 and is the Chair of the Personnel, Audits, and Animal Welfare committee. He also serves on the Transportation Committee and the Public Works Committee, as well as the Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice and River Committee. Council District Five includes the neighborhoods of Westwood, Bel Air, Benedict Canyon, Beverly/ Fairfax, Melrose, Mid-City West, Pico, South Robertson, Century City, Palms, and more. More information can be found at <https://www.councilmemberpaulkoretz.com/>

Los Angeles City Council President Pro Tempore Mitch O'Farrell represents the 13th District, which includes the neighborhoods of Atwater Village, East Hollywood, Echo Park, Elysian Valley, Glassell Park, Historic Filipinotown, Hollywood, Larchmont Village, Little Armenia, Melrose Hill, Rampart Village, Ridgewood-Wilton, Silver Lake, Spaulding Square, St. Andrews Square, Sunset Square, Thai Town, Verdugo Village, Virgil Village, Western-Wilton, Westlake, Wilshire Center, and Windsor Square. More information can be found at <http://CD13.com>.