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The Neighborhood Prosecutor Program (Program) was created to make Los Angeles a safer City through crime prevention and local engagement. The Program assigned each Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) division a dedicated Deputy City Attorney to act as a local prosecutor for that community. These attorneys collaborated closely with community representatives and LAPD Senior Lead Officers (SLOs) to identify and solve criminal problems. For quality-of-life offenses, the prosecutors would work with SLOs to refer cases to the Citywide Nuisance Abatement Program (CNAP) for prosecution, ensuring that neighborhood concerns were effectively addressed.

Specifically, the Program aimed to improve community safety by proactively addressing issues such as illegal dumping, graffiti, and drug sales before they escalated into more serious offenses. The Program's success stemmed from its community-focused approach with prosecutors working closely with residents and LAPD to create effective solutions for local issues. However, in 2023, due to a reorganization in the City's Attorney Office, the Program was discontinued, and prosecutors were reassigned. The Community Law Corps Division was later created to deliver similar services as the Program; however, it lacks the community-focused approach that many residents of the City had appreciated. Due to the previous success of the Program, the City should explore the possibility of reestablishing the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program in order to help create a safer Los Angeles.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report on the feasibility of reestablishing the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program.

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