Implementing Vision Zero

On October 4, 2016, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted my motion to direct the Interim Director of the Department of Public Health, in consultation with the Healthy Design Workgroup, and in coordination with the Department of Public Works, Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, and Department of Health Services, to analyze data related to traffic collisions for unincorporated County areas and report back on potential strategies and actions to implement a Vision Zero Initiative for the County unincorporated areas.

Public Health recently submitted the requested Vision Zero Report to our Board, noting that traffic collisions are a significant public health issue and that jurisdictions across the country are implementing Vision Zero initiatives to address rising traffic-related fatalities. Based on preliminary data analyses on unincorporated roadways, the Report also identified a number of Challenge Areas to reduce fatalities and injuries cause by traffic collisions, including:

- Unsafe Speeds
- Impaired / Distracted Driving
- Hit-and-Runs
- Pedestrians
- Motorcyclists

The draft report concludes with a number of recommended actions for the County to consider, such as to:

- Develop a Vision Zero Steering Committee and Partnership Structure
- Develop a Vision Zero Action Plan
- Develop a Communications Plan
Moving forward with these recommendations will protect lives, help reduce the severity of injuries, and improve the quality of life for our unincorporated communities. Partnering with local cities that have already adopted similar initiatives or are in the process of doing so will enable us to grow these benefits and more effectively outreach to our residents.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Instruct the Departments of Public Health and Public Works, in collaboration with the Healthy Design Workgroup; the Departments of Sheriff’s, Fire, Health Services, Regional Planning, and Chief Executive Office; the California Highway Patrol; and other stakeholder agencies and nonprofit organizations, to implement the recommended strategies and actions described in the Vision Zero Report and Board Memo.

2. Direct Public Health and Public Works to work with representatives from each department and agency named above; create a broad partnership structure that includes regional and community partners; and to work with the Board and CEO to identify opportunities to secure long term funding to sustain the Vision Zero initiative, including funding for a Countywide Vision Zero Coordinator and for implementation of the Vision Zero Action Plan and Communications Plan.

3. Develop a Vision Zero Action Plan for unincorporated Los Angeles County that identifies specific engineering, enforcement, education, engagement and evaluation strategies and timelines, and describes the strategies and actions the County will prioritize to reduce traffic deaths and severe injuries. The Action Plan will include a detailed Communications Plan outlining strategies for ongoing public education and outreach.

4. Instruct the CEO to work with Public Health to allocate an appropriate level position to serve as a Countywide Vision Zero Coordinator. The individual in this position will be located in Public Health, will facilitate directive No. 2, and will coordinate activities across County, regional, and community partners.

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