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Mobilization of Los Angeles County Services to Support Children and their Parents

During the past several weeks, Los Angeles County residents have witnessed the threat of a strike looming between LAUSD and United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA), with little progress made to date. Even though the strike has been delayed to Monday, January 14, 2019, that could mean that approximately 700,000 children will experience an unfortunate disruption in their daily school activities. Furthermore, parents are worriedly preparing to ensure alternate safe spaces and solutions that can minimize the disruption to students' daily routines. They are looking at alternatives for their children to find helpful and educational ways to use their time.

The students and families that are going to be impacted by the strike are counting on us to address these concerns. Toward this end, the County should mobilize its resources to provide such places and spaces that can be made accessible at this time of strike deliberations. Examples of alternatives on safe places for children include but are not limited to accessible recreation centers, parks and libraries that can be open for parents to take their children on strike days. Examples of resources that have already been offered include the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

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(NHMLAC) which is offering free onsite general admission to all LAUSD students and chaperones and Metro is offering LAUSD students with a student ID card the opportunity to ride for free on strike days.

I THEREFORE MOVE to direct all potentially relevant County Departments, Agencies and Commissions including but not limited to Los Angeles County Library, Department of Mental Health, Department of Parks and Recreation, Arts Commission and others to immediately identify, determine the feasibility of, and implement programs, activities, and resources for families impacted by a LAUSD teachers' strike, if one should occur.

I FURTHER MOVE to direct the relevant Departments to immediately publicize those programs and resources across all channels, including and not limited to websites, social media accounts and email listserves, in different languages, so that the public is aware of these opportunities.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CEO report back on those County Departments, Agencies and Commissions that implemented programs, activities and resources for families impacted by the LAUSD teacher's strike.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CEO report back in 120 days on a resource mobilization plan for the future so that the County can be in the position to respond appropriately in similar school strike situations.