

TRAGIC INCIDENT IN CANOGA PARK

A Los Angeles Police Department investigation continues to explore the cause of death for a one-year-old child in Canoga Park who died in July 2024.

Almost ten years ago, in response to recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection, the Board of Supervisors established the Office of Child Protection as a way to transform our child welfare system and ensure an integrated approach to child protection. While we wait to learn more about the infant’s cause of death, we must assess the resources, services, and programs in place throughout Los Angeles County to ensure that children stay safe and well cared for in their homes when there is a suspicion of child abuse and neglect and open investigation.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct:

1. The Office of Child Protection (OCP), with the assistance of County Counsel, to conduct a full investigation, including any County departments that may have had contact with the family in this case, including, but not limited to the Department of

MOTION

SOLIS _____

MITCHELL _____

HORVATH _____

HAHN _____

BARGER _____

Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Department of Health Services (DHS), to review the history of contacts, including any referrals to a Medical Hub and other medical providers, to review case workers and other professionals' experience level and length of service, to identify any systemic issues that may have impeded the coordination of services, and to make recommendations for strengthening or modifying relevant services;

2. DCFS should provide, in consultation with County Counsel an update about the process of the standing case-quality assurance team and the methodology and criteria for when reviews take place;
3. Aforementioned to be reported back to the Board in writing in 45 days, as permitted by law.

#

LH: es