

# ***“CLEAN L.A.” PROPOSAL***



## **PROPOSAL SUMMARY:**

*That the L.A. City Budget reserve up to \$20,000,000/yr to employ up to 1000 Pedestrian Street Cleaners to clean our sidewalks, parks, roads, gutters and storm drains; and to be a first line of defense against city problems, communicate them to proper agencies.*

## **PROBLEM:**

*TRASH and LITTER plague our city.*

At the same time, “Homelessness” is called a plague by many.

There are no current city jobs available on City Personnel webpage that a homeless or formerly homeless person can realistically get.

Public Works positions are car/truck based, and often respond to calls, instead of pro-active pedestrian surveys which could detect problems on the ground.

## **SOLUTION:**

I propose a fix to both by Creating a Job to be listed on City Personnel webpage, that even Homeless or formerly homeless people can aspire to get.

A simple, but Needed job to CLEAN our city, from cigarette butts and trash, to major dumping.

Pedestrian Street Cleaners could be equipped with cleaning tools. But also communication device(s) to report problems.

They could be a dynamic, helpful first line of defense against problems that ail our city streets/sidewalks/parks.

## **COST:**

\$19,200/year per Pedestrian Street Cleaner Hired. (\$10/Hour, 40hrs/week)

Goal of 1000 Pedestrian Street Cleaners proposed:

\$19,200,000/year. (\$19,200x1000)

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Of course, a Trial of hiring 50-100 Pedestrian Street Cleaners to test the viability of this Program would bring initial cost down to:

\$960,000 to \$1,960,000/year — (\$19,200x50 to \$19,200x100)

## **ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT:**

Environment Groups

Homeless Activists/Homeless people

Formerly Homeless People

Resume-challenged Unemployed

Any Organization Dedicated to Beautification of Los Angeles

**Key Legislators (Policy/Fiscal Committee Chairs, Etc.)**

**Huizar, Buscaino, Martinez, Cedillo, Blumenfield**

**Job Creation Ad-Hoc Committee**

**Budget Committee – Koretz, Krekorian, Englander**

## **ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT.**

*\*Everyone wins with Clean sidewalks, streets, Gutters, and DRAINS.*

*\*Clean is SAFE*

*\*Pedestrian Cleaners could help the Community in many ways, including being a first line to report Problems to appropriate city agencies.*

*\*Clean is Healthy.*

*\*Low-level jobs can help the Homeless help us/help themselves!*

## **ORGANIZATIONAL OPPOSITION.**

None, unless someone can argue that funding a Zoo, Arts/Culture, non-emergency healthcare, and exorbitant city official wages/retirement benefits is more important than having a CLEAN city, maintained and cared for by hard-working, high impact pedestrians Every Day.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION.**

I am a formerly homeless alcoholic who loves to clean, dreams to live in a clean place.

I am unemployed, highly educated, but can never find anything on City Personnel job posting page that fits.

Then I walk our sidewalks and see disgusting trash/litter/dumping in every direction.

This proposal is from Common Sense and simple observing of an obvious problem.

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