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Pedestrian safety remains a major concern throughout the City of Los Angeles. Clearly visible crosswalk markings are a key part of the City's pedestrian safety infrastructure, especially near parks, schools, houses of worship, transit stops, and commercial districts. Over time, weather, vehicle traffic, utility construction, and roadway maintenance can cause existing crosswalk markings to deteriorate.

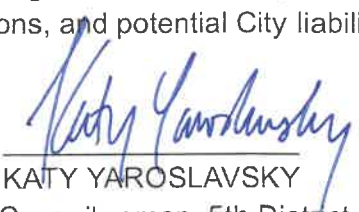
Los Angeles residents have shown a strong commitment to improving pedestrian safety, and recent community-led crosswalk-painting efforts have highlighted both the public's desire for safer streets and the need to improve crosswalk maintenance practices. While these efforts demonstrate civic engagement, unauthorized pavement markings raise legitimate concerns regarding traffic safety, code compliance, liability, and labor agreements.

The City currently operates community partnership programs, including Adopt-A-Median, that allow residents and neighborhood organizations to participate in improvements to public rights-of-way. While installing new crosswalks requires professional engineering review, repainting existing approved crosswalks may offer an additional opportunity for community involvement, if appropriate safeguards can be implemented.

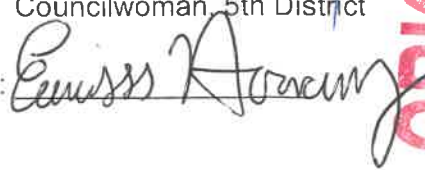
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), with the assistance of the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), the Bureau of Street Services (BSS), Office of Community Beautification (OCB), City Administrative Officer, City Attorney, and other relevant departments to report back within 90 days on the following:

1. Crosswalk Inventory: Report back on the number of existing marked crosswalks citywide, current inspection and repainting practices, number of outstanding 311 requests for deteriorating crosswalks, and annual repainting expenditures over the last two fiscal years.
2. Volunteer Pilot Feasibility: Report back on the options for establishing a pilot program that could accommodate the repainting of existing, City-approved crosswalks by community organizations and volunteers, including whether the program could operate under an existing City program such as Adopt-A-Median.
3. Safety, Legal, and Labor Requirements: Report back on labor agreement concerns, insurance requirements, safety obligations, traffic control options, and potential City liability.

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