

Empowering Young Women to Protect Their Sexual Health

Over the past year, the Second District has worked closely with the Department of Public Health (DPH) to develop a strategy to combat the unacceptably high levels of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) affecting young women of color in the district. Overall, the Second District has a greater burden of STDs than most other areas of the County of Los Angeles, especially among young women of color. Failure to combat STDs reduces quality of life, impairs reproductive health and in some instances can lead to premature death. Uncontrolled STDs also lead to excess health care costs.

The developed approach uses elements of past successful efforts and incorporates new strategies to link public and private health care providers and agencies to perform outreach, case management, and treatment. The Second District is contributing almost \$900,000 in Cy Pres funds allocated to the unincorporated areas of the district for the plan. This new investment will also leverage federal HIV prevention funds already targeted for high-impacted areas such as the Second District.

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This coordinated investment will help make a critically needed difference in reducing STDs in the County of Los Angeles.

THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Instruct the Director of the Department of Public Health to implement the Cy Pres sexually transmitted disease outreach and prevention plan targeted for the Second District; and
2. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health to execute the necessary contracts for the plan, subject to review and approval by the Chief Executive Officer and County Counsel.

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