

# MOTION HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

On March 31, 2017, Council adopted an ordinance (No. 184836) to allow homeless shelters to operate for a full calendar year without season or time restrictions. Previously, shelters could only operate from December 1st through March 31<sup>st</sup> of any given year as part of the City's Winter Shelter Program. These shelters provide a safe location for homeless individuals to stay during the harsh, cold and rainy winter weather season.

Council's action to expand shelter operations reflects the fact that not only is there a need to offer shelter so homeless individuals can find relief at any time of year, but there is also a great need based on the size of the City's unsheltered homeless population. According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's 2016 Point-In-Time Count of Homeless Individuals in the City, approximately 21,000 of the City's 28,000 homeless persons are unsheltered.

Given that the City's Comprehensive Homeless Strategy called for the expansion of shelters, the City should continue to fund emergency shelters in the same manner as it funded the Winter Shelter Program. Note that the organizations listed below meet the shelter criteria and are the same agencies that participated in the current 2016-17 Winter Shelter Program.

AGENCY	LOCATION
Testimonial Community Love Center	5701 S. Western Avenue, 90047
Bethel Los Angeles CDC	7900 S. Western Avenue, 90047
First to Serve, Inc.	1177 W. 25 <sup>th</sup> St. 90007
SSG (Hopics – Transitional Aged Youth)	2514 W. Vernon Ave. , 90008

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council, reprogram \$1,135,350 from Fund 10A, Account 43N479, (Coordinated Entry System (CES) for Singles & Youth, Crisis and Bridge Housing) to Fund 10A, account 43N481 (Winter Shelter Program) for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to implement the shelter program through June 30, 2017, with the shelters as designated above.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID), with the assistance of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, be authorized to amend the necessary contracts and take all required steps to fund the Shelter Program until June 30, 2017.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that HCID be authorized to prepare Controller instructions or technical corrections if necessary and the Controller to implement those instructions to effectuate the Mayor and Council intentions.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority be requested to report on whether funds generated as a result of the passage of Measure H could fund new year-round bed operating costs beginning in Fiscal Year 2017-18.

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