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Summary: The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council want to express support for CF-14-0655-S6, which requests LAHSA, LA's Best and LAUSD to report to the city council's Homelessness and poverty Committee on the processes and protocols established to assist and providing supportive services to youth and their families experiencing homelessness.

The report will provide a framework to identify the best effective manner of reaching out to youth and their families to connect them to supportive services and organizations that can adequately serve their needs and overall well-being. The information and shared data can also help identify strengths, weaknesses, and existing gaps that can be addressed through the coordination and collaboration of all entities servicing youth and their families.

Therefore, the Homelessness and Poverty Committee should also ascertain that youth and their families are protected and have access to all the services they need that address the realities of their lives. Shelters assisting youth and their families should be fully equipped with supplies, food, and resources to extend to the people they serve. The shelters can also influence the types of services and activities available to children and youth. These resources and services should address mental health, psychological therapy, nutritional assistance, comprehensive health screenings and items that promote children's educational experiences, such as computers and children's books.

In addition, HHPNC recommends using the data to identify areas of improvement and expansion of services that provide for a more holistic approach to meeting the needs and vulnerable realities facing youth and their families in a more timelier fashion. This overall action will hopefully improve relationships and trust felt by residents towards city government and the public education system.
April 05, 2018

Mayor Eric Garcetti & the Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: CIS in support of CF-14-0655-S6.

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council, which represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood, want to express support for CF-14-0655-S6, which requests LAHSA, LA’s Best and LAUSD to report to the city council’s Homelessness and Poverty Committee on the processes and protocols established to assist and providing supportive services to youth and their families experiencing homelessness.

The report will provide a framework to identify the best effective manner of reaching out to youth and their families to connect them to supportive services and organizations that can adequately serve their needs and overall well-being. The information and shared data can also help identify strengths, weaknesses, and existing gaps that can be addressed through the coordination and collaboration of all entities servicing youth and their families.

County and state agencies, in addition to local non-profit organizations, that provide funds and services to youth and families should be identified and integrated in this effort, such as the Los Angeles County Department Education, California Department of Education, Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services, Brotherhood Crusade, the GRYD Foundation, Soledad Enrichment Association, and Centro del Pueblo to name a few.

The experience and stigma of homelessness debilitates the socioeconomic mobility of families with children in very profound ways. Families are vulnerable to being broken apart, face hunger daily, and their children’s education is interrupted, which undoubtedly affects their learning and educational progress. Homeless teenagers struggle with depression and are three times more likely to attempt suicide, be forced into unwanted sexual activity, and to be subject to intimate partner violence. The information gathered from LAHSA,
LAUSD, LA’s Best, and other local non-profits can help address these issues in a more efficient and effective manner.

Therefore, the Homelessness and Poverty Committee should also ascertain that youth and their families are protected and have access to all the services they need that address the realities of their lives. Shelters assisting youth and their families should be fully equipped with supplies, food, and resources to extend to the people they serve. The shelters can also influence the types of services and activities available to children and youth. These resources and services should address mental health, psychological therapy, nutritional assistance, comprehensive health screenings and items that promote children's educational experiences, such as computers and children's books.

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council therefore supports CF 14-0655-S6, which aims to improve coordination among LAHSA, LAUSD, and LA’s Best of the delivery of all services available to youth and their families experiencing homelessness. In addition, HHPNC recommends using the data to identify areas of improvement and expansion of services that provide for a more holistic approach to meeting the needs and vulnerable realities facing youth and their families in a more timelier fashion. This overall action will hopefully improve relationships and trust felt by residents towards city government and the public education system. Trust must be established to reduce the fear from uncertainty and stigma that the experience of homelessness imparts to thousands of families and their children.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Harvey Slater, President
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council
Authorization to submit
Community Impact Statements
Board Resolution

We, Harvey Slater (President Name) and Rocio Rivas (Officer Name), declare that we are the President and Secretary, respectively of the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council (NC) and that on April 05, 2018 (date adopted), a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by this NC with a quorum of 17 (number) board members present and that by a vote of 17 (number) yes, 0 (number) no, and 0 (number) abstentions the Historic Highland Park NC adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, a Community Impact Statement is an official statement adopted by a Neighborhood Council on issues pending before the City Council, its committees, or City commissions. Whereas, up to five board members can be authorized through a board resolution to write and submit Community Impact Statements through the City Clerk’s online web system at http://cityclerk.lacity.org/cis.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council authorizes the following board member(s) to SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which have been passed by a vote of the full board:

On the issue of CF#14-055-56, we are

☐ For
☐ For if Amended
☐ Against
☐ Against if Amended
☐ No Position (CF was discussed and acted upon, but the NC could not muster enough votes either way)
☐ Neutral Position (CF was discussed and NC decided to take no action at all)

Be it further resolved, in cases where an issue is moving quickly through the legislative process and a promptly issued statement is beneficial, the aforementioned board members are authorized to also WRITE and SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which express positions previously voted upon by the full board.

IN WITNESS of the above action, the undersigned has executed and delivered this certificate in the name and on behalf of the Historic Highland Park (NC name) and as of the date set forth below.

Signature of President
Print Name: Harvey Slater
Date: 04/05/18

Signature of Board Officer
Print Name: Rocio Rivas
Date: 04/05/18