

MOTION

There is a homelessness crisis in the state of California and in the City of Los Angeles. According to the 2018 Homeless Count, there are approximately 31,285 homeless individuals in the City. Approximately 23,000 of these individuals are unsheltered on any given night. To address this crisis, the City has approved a multifaceted Comprehensive Homelessness Strategy, voters have approved additional revenues for homeless housing and services, and members of the City Council have pledged to provide an equal share of permanent supportive housing (PSH) in each of their districts.

In Council District 11, Proposition HHH-funded PSH has been approved for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs campus in Brentwood and on the site of a former animal shelter in West Los Angeles. PSH projects are winding their way through the planning and development process in Venice. Even so, additional housing is needed to combat this crisis. Due to the high costs of real estate on the Westside, government-owned properties are the most likely and feasible locations for such additional housing.


In Mar Vista, the City shares ownership of the building and property located at 12901 Venice Boulevard with the Disability Community Rights Center (DCRC). The DCRC, which was formerly known as the Westside Center for Independent Living, is one of only 28 independent living centers in California. The DCRC was founded in 1976 and is dedicated to assisting persons with disabilities and seniors to achieve and/or maintain self-directed independent lives in their communities. The DCRC currently uses the site as its headquarters and service center.

The site is approximately 13,000 square feet and is located on a transit corridor at the intersection of Venice Boulevard and Beethoven Avenue. The site is owned 89% by the City and 11% by the DCRC and is potentially suitable for development of PSH while allowing for the DCRC to continue operations and provide its vital, necessary services.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Department of City Planning, the City Attorney, the Chief Legislative Analyst, along with any other relevant agencies or departments, in consultation with the management or board of directors of the Disability Community Resource Center (DCRC), to evaluate the property at 12901 Venice Boulevard to determine its suitability for development as permanent supportive housing and continued use as a headquarters and independent living center by DCRC.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that if the property is determined to be suitable for development as permanent supportive housing and continued use as a DCRC headquarters and independent living center, that the City Administrative Officer along with any other relevant departments provide options and make recommendations for the appropriate process to consider, solicit, or develop such a proposal.

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