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On February 9, 2016 the City Council adopted the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy that included 64 strategies to address the challenges the City’s more than 25,000 homeless residents face on a daily basis. These strategies seek to help combat homelessness through specific, highly-effective strategies that empower homeless individuals and families to attain both supportive services and housing.

According to the 2016 Homeless Count released by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the City has experienced an 11% increase in the homeless population relative to the year prior, with approximately 21,000 individuals who are unsheltered on any given night. Homelessness is an issue in the City that affects the health and safety of the City’s residents and economic stability of the City, and impacts the City’s infrastructure and emergency services.

The FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget proposes to leverage City-owned land worth approximately \$47 million to begin a multi-year effort to increase the availability of permanent supportive and affordable housing. On July 19, 2016, the Council adopted a process to facilitate and streamline the disposition of properties identified in the FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget, as well as future properties, per the recommendations of the Entertainment and Facilities and Homelessness and Poverty Committees (CF #16-0600-S145).

Per the City’s 2009 Strategic Real Estate Plan, the City should immediately dispose of surplus property in order to generate general fund revenue. According to the City’s Strategic Real Estate Plan, the General Services Department (GSD) has identified approximately 320 council-controlled properties, 575 “blocker lots” and approximately 200 sliver/remnant parcels that could be surplus properties. Sale of these properties could generate additional general fund revenue or be developed as housing to address the City’s gaps in housing for the homeless.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the CAO, CLA, and HCID, with the assistance of DOT, Planning, GSD, and Public Works to evaluate the 575 “blocker lots” and 200 “remnant” parcels in the City to determine whether these properties can be used for housing for the homeless.

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