

ENTERTAINMENT AND FACILITIES
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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, which consists of approximately 21,000 individuals who are unsheltered on any given night. In a coordinated effort to help alleviate the homelessness crisis, on February 9, 2016, the City adopted the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy (CHS), which aims to combat homelessness through specific, highly-effective strategies the help homeless individuals and families attain supportive services and housing.

In the City of Los Angeles, the City's homeless residents often lack space to safely store their belongings during the day. Lack of voluntary storage for homeless individuals often creates significant barriers for individuals who wish to access social services and housing. Additionally, lack of space for storage creates significant public health and safety risks with regard to access to the public right-of-way. In an attempt to increase the City's currently supply of sites for voluntary storage and housing, the CHS states the City needs to evaluate and utilize the City's current inventory of City-owned properties.

LAHSA is recommending, in consultation with Council District 8, that the Old Fire Station 57, a vacant City-owned building located at 729 W. Manchester Avenue serve as a potential storage location. For the purposes of a storage facility for the homeless, the use of this site will largely depend on the use of modular storage containers that would be placed on the parcel. In addition to homeless storage, the site of the Old Fire Station 57 also has the potential to be made available for the development of housing. In order to accommodate any future use, the structure that is the former fire station will need to be demolished due to extensive damage on the site.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, and Housing and Community Investment Department, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, Bureau of Engineering, Planning, and General Services Department, to evaluate the Old Fire Station 57, a City-owned property located at 729 W. Manchester Avenue, as a potential storage facility for the homeless that may include the use of modular offices and storage containers which accommodate bins or other uses.

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