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Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Los Angeles
c/o City Clerk, City Hall
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Attention: John White, Legislative Assistant
Sharon Dickinson, Legislative Assistant

COUNCIL RULE 38 TRANSMITTAL: LOS ANGELES HOUSING + COMMUNITY INVESTMENT DEPARTMENT REVIEW OF DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE (LAMC) SECTIONS 12.03, 12.80 AND 12.81 TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF "SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS" AND TO ALIGN THE CITY'S SHELTER CRISIS REGULATIONS WITH STATE LAW

Honorable City Council Members:

As requested by the City Attorney in its correspondence to me dated March 2, 2017, and pursuant to Council Rule 38, the Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Department (HCIDLA) has reviewed the draft ordinance amending LAMC Sections 12.03, 12.80, and 12.81 to allow the City to exercise its full authority as a municipality in declaring a shelter crisis pursuant to Government Code Section 8698, et seq. HCIDLA believes the draft ordinance achieves the intended goals of expanding the definition of "Shelter for the Homeless" and eliminating references to obsolete State code regulations (Sec.12.03), further aligning the City's regulations with State law to make the process for declaring a shelter crisis more efficient, and allowing the establishment of temporary shelter for the homeless on public and private property (Sec. 12.80 and 12.81).

In addition, amended LAMC Sec. 12.03 provides an operational definition of a "provider" and requires the "provider" to be certified by HCIDLA to meet all applicable requirements contained in the California Health and Safety Code and the California Administrative Code (California Code of Regulations). HCIDLA is unclear as to the type of certification process required under this section and, as such, seeks guidance regarding its development and implementation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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General Manager

cc: The Honorable Mayor Eric Garcetti
Adrienne Khorasane, Deputy City Attorney