

The City of Los Angeles is working to address the severe moral and public health crises of growing homelessness in the City and County. A focal point of this new concerted effort is the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy that is being considered by the Homelessness & Poverty Committee.

The Strategy recognizes the need to address homelessness in a comprehensive and collaborative manner, and to develop new capacity and system improvements in the areas of case management, support services, emergency shelter, and permanent housing for the homeless.

The City has pledged an initial \$100 million, which it is in the process of identifying, and is committed to working with partners in the County, State, Federal governments and philanthropic community to leverage additional resources. The multi-year Strategy will improve current interactions between the City and people experiencing homeless, thereby making the most of existing expenditures and better directing money otherwise spent in response to the sanitation and public safety concerns associated with homelessness. However, the ongoing need is greater than the resources that can be reasonably expected from these traditional sources.

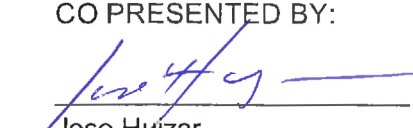
The Strategy recommends identifying permanent funding sources in the amount of \$113 million annually to finance, construct and lease permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, homelessness diversion programs, and provide supportive services. It also recommends identifying permanent funding sources in the amount of \$75 million annually for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to finance the construction of affordable and permanent supportive housing.

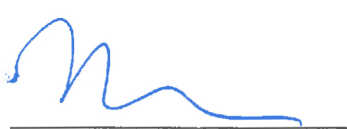
Given limited resources and other priority endeavors in the City to ensure public safety, infrastructure improvements, and a growing economy, it is clear that new funding sources must be pursued in order to address homelessness in the urgent, comprehensive and persistent manner it deserves. Additional City funding can often attract outside sources of revenue, thereby magnifying the impact of services and programs to address homelessness and thereby improving conditions for all City residents.

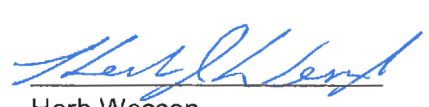
I THEREFORE MOVE that the CAO and CLA be directed to report on steps necessary to place a measure on the next opportunity during a General- or City-election ballot to raise new revenue needed to address homelessness.

The report should provide recommendations for the most appropriate revenue sources, including those already outlined in the appendix of the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy; whether the measure should be County-wide or exclusive to the City; and any appropriate limitations to ensure voter confidence.

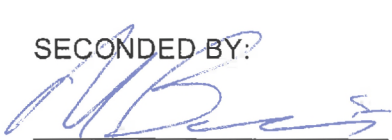
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