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On June 29, 2016, the City Council approved a General Obligation Bond Proposition, the Homelessness Reduction and Prevention, Housing and Facilities Bond, which will be considered by voters on November 8, 2016. The funding will prioritize supportive housing units for the chronically homeless and homeless, and for at-risk populations, such as, victims of domestic violence and their children, veterans, seniors and the disabled.

The City Council requested that the City Administrative Officer (CAO), the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID), with the Assistance of the City Attorney, report on a number of items including the bond program parameters and a plan outlining the best use of all affordable housing resources, while prioritizing supportive units. The Homelessness and Poverty Committee is also considering a motion (CF 14-0655-S3) to establish a Permanent Supportive Housing Program for the City as well as a motion (CF 16-0986) for Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA) to assess the outcomes of its programs in serving the City's objectives of bringing homeless individuals to a state of readiness for conventional housing and employment, and reducing the size of the homeless population overall.

At this time, it is prudent to prepare the City for the possible influx of additional funds for Supportive Housing and to identify additional strategies that would further ensure sufficient oversight of and public accountability for resources intended for Supportive Housing and homelessness prevention. It is in the interest of the City to make efficient use of funding and to foster a transparent and competitive process in the awarding of public resources.

I THEREFORE MOVE that in addition to the reports that have been requested, that the CAO, CLA, and HCID, report on the needed qualifications and expertise for the seven-member Citizens Oversight Committee. The expertise may include lived experience, housing development and finance, financial oversight, social service provision, housing management, planning, business acumen, competitive bidding, and any other proficiency to ensure effective oversight of the bond proceeds.

I FURTHER MOVE that in the CAO and CLA report on how an independent monitor might strengthen the evaluation and efficiency of the funding process and the financial commitments made to supportive and affordable housing units. The report should include program outline, frequency of reporting and cost of such an independent monitoring program.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Planning Department report on the status of various initiatives to expedite the development of supportive and affordable housing units.

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I FURTHER MOVE that CAO and CLA report on how future City bond financing program could integrate any recommendations of previous audits of City general obligation bonds, including but not limited to the City Controller audit of Proposition O from earlier this year.

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