

# HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

## MOTION

In January 2016, Council adopted the City's Comprehensive Homelessness Strategy to address the needs of the homeless population and those at-risk of becoming homeless. A critical component of the strategy was the City's plan to provide supportive housing and facilities to serve this vulnerable population. In November 2016, the City's voters approved Proposition HHH, authorizing up to \$1.2 billion in bond proceeds to support the development of housing and facilities. At the time, it was anticipated that \$1.2 billion would fund approximately 10,000 supportive housing units. In response, Council created the Proposition HHH Permanent Supportive Housing Loan Program, administered by Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) and the Proposition HHH Facilities Program, administered by the City Administrative Officer (C.F. 17-0090).

Since the Proposition HHH Program's inception in February 2017, the City has committed an estimated \$607 million through preliminary letters of commitment and related expenditures associated with approximately 3,700 housing units and 26 facilities. In November 2018, HCID received 26 new funding applications, which the department is currently reviewing, with a total request of almost \$265 million for an estimated 1,693 new units. In addition, a request to set aside \$120 million in Proposition HHH funds for a Pilot Program through the Mayor's Office is pending Council approval.

It is in the City's interest to continuously assess its strategy and progress in meeting its supportive housing goals. Recently, several new State funding sources have become available for supportive housing, which may help facilitate the City's undertaking, while rising construction costs and other factors may present new challenges. The City should have a clear understanding of its current progress and refine its methodology, if necessary, to maximize efficiencies in meeting the critical need for supportive housing.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department, with assistance from the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Administrative Officer, to report within 30 days on the status of Proposition HHH bond funds and the City's strategy for achieving its 10,000 unit goal; the report should include a status on all projects in the Proposition HHH pipeline, number of units anticipated to be developed with Proposition HHH funds, per unit cost, timeline for project construction completion, and any forthcoming new strategies to meet the City's supportive housing unit goal.

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