HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to release of the Proposition HHH Permanent Supportive Housing Loan Program Regulations and the 2017 HHH Call for Projects.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. ADOPT the 2017 HHH Program Regulations, provided as Attachment A to the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) report dated November 2, 2017, entitled City of Los Angeles Proposition HHH Permanent Supportive Housing Program, Regulations, Policies, and Procedures, with amendments to the following sections:

   a. Amend Section 1.5, entitled Eligible Projects, to add the eligibility requirement as follows, with all other requirements of Section 1/5 to remain unchanged:

      Alternatively, at minimum, twenty-five units in the project, excluding managers’ units, must be reserved for individuals and households who meet the criteria below. Eligible Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units will be funded in accordance with Section 2.4. Only the eligible PSH units will be funded with HHH proceeds.

   b. Amend Section 2.2.1, entitled Demonstration of Site Control, to read:

      An executed Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with a Public Agency is acceptable at application. Prior to consideration for inclusion in HCID’s funding recommendation, a fully executed Disposition Development Agreement with that agency will be received by HCID.

   c. Amend Section 2.12.5, entitled Supportive or Enhanced Services Plan, in regards to the Letter of Intent to Provided Services from a Los Angeles County Health agency in lieu of the supportive services plan, to include:

      The letter provided by County, at minimum, must include:

      a) The services that will be provided to the target population.

      b) The frequency of services.

      c) The number of caseworkers committed to the site, in accordance with the ratios listed in Section 3.3.

   d. Amend the second sentence in Section 3.3, entitled Supportive Services Fund and Supportive Services Coordination and Case Management, as follows:

      The following on-site Case Manager-to-tenant ratios will be used, based on the best practices of the Los Angeles County Health Agencies.

2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, HCID, or designee, to release the 2017 HHH
3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, HCID, or designee, to conduct up to two funding rounds for the HHH Call for Projects and to implement a schedule of the funding rounds (after solicitation of applications).

4. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, HCID, or designee, to solicit HHH developer applications for the 2017 Call for Projects, with future allocations based on the viability of project success, geographic dispersion, cost efficiency, and program priorities, as delineated in the 2017 HHH Program Regulations, whereby applications received in those funding rounds will be reviewed by HCID, and recommendations will be submitted to the Mayor and City Council for consideration and approval.

5. INSTRUCT the HCID, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to report within 30 days on the framework for funding innovative projects that do not meet the requirements of the Proposition HHH Permanent Supportive Housing Loan Program Regulations, including shared housing, projects with less than twenty-five units, incentives for private funding, campus-type projects and other innovative approaches, and include a process and timeline for soliciting developer feedback and implementing this component of the program.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On December 6, 2017, the Homelessness and Poverty Committee considered the November 2, 2017 HCID report relative to the release of the Proposition HHH Permanent Supportive Housing Loan Program Regulations and the 2017 HHH Call for Projects.

Representatives from HCID provided some background on the matter and responded to questions from the committee members. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the recommendations as reflected above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
HARRIS-DAWSON: YES