## File No. <u>17-1092</u>

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the options to expand public bathroom access for persons experiencing homelessness in response to the Hepatitis A outbreak.

Recommendations for Council action:

- 1. APPROVE Option 1 of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) Report dated December 4, 2017 entitled: Enhanced Bathroom Facilities in Skid Row through Operation Healthy Streets.
  - a. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has a gap of \$290,800 to maintain the current number of bathrooms and showers, with enhanced services, provided through Operation Healthy Streets Fiscal Year 2017-18 funding.
- 2. APPROVE Option 2 of the CAO Report dated December 4, 2017 entitled: Pilot Program A Station Bathroom Attendants at Automatic Public Toilets for 6 months.
  - a. Attendants at the recommended sites would increase accessibility and usage of these Automatic Public Toilets.
  - b. Estimated Annual Cost: \$213,119 per site; \$665,121 for three sites.
- APPROVE Option 3 of the CAO Report dated December 4, 2017 entitled: Pilot Program B - Implement Mobile Pit Stop Program at High Priority Sites for 6 months.
  - a. Place leased portable toilets with attendants at the highest priority sites for 12 hours per day. Sites recommended based on estimated need determined by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.
  - b. CAO and Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to consult with Council Offices to verify bathroom locations and hours of operation.
- INSTRUCT the CAO and CLA to continue to explore Option 4 of the CAO Report dated December 4, 2017 entitled: Pilot Program C - Purchase Mobile Restroom and Shower Trailers.
- 5. INSTRUCT the CAO, CLA and the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) to prepare Controller instructions for Options 1, 2 and 3 of the CAO Report dated December 4, 2017 utilizing General Fund savings from LAHSA's Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget.
- 6. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, HCID to amend City Contract Number C-126258 to reallocate from LAHSA's general fund allocations in order to provide funding for selected options, if applicable and funding is determined to be available to support selected options.
- 7. AUTHORIZE the Department of General Services to negotiate and execute contract amendments necessary to effectuate the establishment of one or more Mobile Pit Stops at

approved location and hours of operation.

8. INSTRUCT the City Homeless Coordinator to work with the LAHSA and the Coordinated Entry System lead agencies to ensure that outreach and other homeless services are coordinated.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: The CAO reports that the General Fund impact will depend on the Council's determination of the recommendations and funding options outlined in this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## Summary:

At its meeting held on December 6, 2017, the Homelessness and Poverty Committee considered the December 4, 2017 CAO report relative to the options to expand public bathroom access for persons experiencing homelessness in response to the Hepatitis A outbreak.

After providing 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

VOTE MEMBER HARRIS-DAWSON: YES RODRIGUEZ: ABSENT BONIN: YES HUIZAR: YES PRICE: YES

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