

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the temporary personal Hygiene Center Demonstration Project located on City-owned property at 557-559 Crocker Street in Skid Row.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Huizar - Harris-Dawson) and SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. APPROVE the temporary personal Hygiene Center Demonstration Project located on city-owned property at 557-559 Crocker Street in Skid Row from December 2017 through June 30, 2018.
2. INSTRUCT the General Manager, Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA), to amend the Contract with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA; C-126258) to:
 - a. Reprogram the following sources of funds from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 City Homeless Budget to the temporary personal Hygiene Center Demonstration Project:
 - i. \$490,969 from Homeless Services
 - ii. \$420,000 from Skid Row Restroom Cleanups
 - iii. \$425,000 from Mobile Showers
 - iv. \$10,000 from Hot Weather Program
 - b. Reprogram \$522,936 of LAHSA FY 2016-17 savings, for a total of \$1,868,905.
3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, HCIDLA, or designee, with the assistance of the Homeless Coordinator, to prepare Controller instructions and make any necessary technical adjustments, consistent with the Mayor and Council action in this matter; and, REQUEST the Controller to implement the instructions.
4. REQUEST the LAHSA, with the assistance of the Homeless Coordinator, to report with recommendations to fund the operations of the Hygiene Center beyond June 30, 2018 including a Request for Proposal for continued operations.
5. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer appropriations of \$1,345,969 from the following funds and accounts to the HCID Fund No. 10A/43, Account 43P296, Citywide Restrooms-Hygiene, to fund the establishment and initial operation of this center as follows:

| <u>Fund</u> | <u>Account</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 10A/43 | 43P633 | Skid Row Restroom Cleanups | \$420,000 |
| 10A/43 | 43P483 | Safe Parking and Mobile Showers | 425,000 |
| 10A/43 | 43N479 | CES Crisis and Bridge | 490,969 |
| 100/56 | 000924 | How Weather Program | <u>\$10,000</u> |

Total: \$1,345,969

6. AUTHORIZE and INSTRUCT the HCID to amend Contract No. C-126258 with LAHSA to:

- a. Reduce appropriations for Skid Row Restroom Cleanups, Mobile Showers, and CES Crisis and Bridge totaling \$1,335,969.
- b. Accept additional appropriations for the Skid Row Hygiene Center in an amount up to \$1,264,599.

7. TRANSFER \$47,000 from the HCID General Fund No. 10A/43, Account No. 43P296, Citywide Restrooms-Hygiene, to the following accounts for Bureau of Sanitation for sewer connections and trash compactor installation and servicing:

| <u>Fund</u> | <u>Account</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 100/82 | 1010 | Salaries General | \$10,000 |
| 100/82 | 3040 | Contractual Services | 10,000 |
| 100/82 | 6020 | Operating Supplies | 22,000 |
| 508/50 | RSRC5301 | Reimbursement from Other Funds | <u>\$5,000</u> |
| | | | Total: \$47,000 |

8. TRANSFER \$34,369.28 from the HCID General Fund Program Fund No. 10A/43, Account No. 43P296, Citywide Restrooms- Hygiene to the following accounts for the Department of General Services for construction and establishment of the center:

| <u>Fund</u> | <u>Account</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 100/40 | 1014 | Construction Salaries | \$15,252.63 |
| 100/40 | 3180 | Construction Materials | <u>\$19,116.65</u> |
| | | | \$34,369.28 |

9. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to make technical corrections as necessary to transactions included in the above recommendations to implement Mayo and Council intentions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the HCID. Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On December 6, 2017, your Committee considered a Motion (Huizar - Harris-Dawson) relative to the temporary personal Hygiene Center Demonstration Project located on City-owned property at

557-559 Crocker Street in Skid Row. According to the Motion, in September 2017, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (County) declared a local outbreak of the Hepatitis A virus based on the confirmation of at least 14 cases of the virus in the county. Also, the State of California has recently declared a public health emergency related to the outbreak of Hepatitis A among persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness and intravenous drug users. Hepatitis A is a highly contagious virus that is spread when persons infected with the virus do not wash their hands properly after using the restroom.

According to County, some of the best preventative measures in combating Hepatitis A include vaccination and access to personal hygiene facilities such as clean restrooms and hand-washing facilities. Despite City investments in public and non-profit facilities in Skid Row, there remains a shortage of public restrooms and other personal hygiene, facilities. The City must address the current lack of a sufficient public health infrastructure. To respond to this crisis Council District 14, Mayor's Office, LAHSA and community groups have been working to establishment a temporary personal hygiene center (Center) that will provide personal hygiene facilities, supportive services, and community engagement services to the residents of Skid Row.

The proposed Center will be located at 557-559 Crocker Street, a City-owned property scheduled for development as permanent supportive housing by the Weingart Center. The project will be managed by Homeless Healthcare Los Angeles with assistance from Goodwill Industries, Social Model Recovery Systems, and We Team Security Services. This Center will cost approximately \$1,868,905 to implement, administer, and secure for approximately 7 months (December 2017 - June 30, 2018). Funding for the Center will be provided to LAHSA as part of the City's FY 2017-18 General Fund Agreement as follows:

- i. \$490,969 from Homeless Services
- ii. \$420,000 from the Skid Row Bathroom
- iii. \$425,000 from Mobile Shower
- iv. \$10,000 from Hot Weather Program line items.

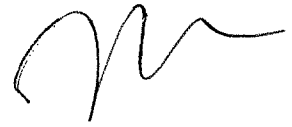
In addition \$522,936 from LAHSA FY 2016-17 savings is requested. The proposed Center will provide Skid Row residents with access to clean public toilet.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion, as amended, and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
|----------------|-------------|
| HARRIS-DAWSON: | YES |
| RODRIGUEZ: | ABSENT |
| BONIN: | YES |
| HUIZAR: | YES |
| PRICE: | YES |

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