

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

MOTION

Homelessness is a crisis that affects every resident of the City of Los Angeles. Suitable and safe shelter is a basic need, and the lack thereof can have a damaging effect upon an individual and community's health and well-being. Accordingly, on April 19, 2017, the City declared an emergency shelter crisis to help provide for additional shelters to be established in the City and to alleviate the current shortage of shelter beds. The combination of a growing homeless population, a shortage of affordable and permanent supportive housing, and significant risks to public health and safety from people forced to live without shelter demonstrate the need for immediate action to expand the inventory of crisis shelter beds.

This strategy, as outlined in the City's Comprehensive Homeless Strategy, is a temporary means to alleviate the number of unsheltered individuals on the streets while the City works to expand long-term housing solutions, including those created through the construction of Permanent Supportive Housing funded through Measure HHH. Accordingly, it is a best practice to operate temporary crisis shelter as Bridge Housing, where participants are actively case-managed toward long-term stabilization, the full range of available services, and permanent housing.

Council District 14, the Mayor's Office, City Attorney's Office, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the City's Homeless Coordinator, Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and General Services Department (GSD), Department of Building and Safety (DBS) and other City departments have reviewed Parking Lot 5, located at the El Pueblo Monument at 711 N. Alameda Street and determined that the property is suitable to establish a temporary facility to provide emergency shelter beds, storage, personal hygiene facilities, supportive services, and community engagement services for up to 60 individuals. The site is expected to also have 24-hour security, with controlled access. Shelter construction would be managed by BOE. Ongoing services would be managed by a non-profit service provider identified by and under contract with LAHSA.

Temporary crisis shelter at the site is expected to consist of: three leased 24' x 60' housing trailers, which will accommodate up to 20 individuals each, with space for a bed and personal storage; one leased 24' x 60' office trailer for administrative work and case management services; and one leased 12' x 60' hygiene trailer with restrooms, showers, and laundry facilities. BOE, GSD and DBS would oversee procurement and construction of the facility. Ongoing collaboration will be needed among departments, including but not limited to BOE, DBS, GSD, Police, Fire, Sanitation, El Pueblo and the City's Homeless Coordinator, as well as with LAHSA and partner agencies at the County.

Total cost to construct the shelter and operate for six months is \$2.0 million. Approximately \$2.0 million is available in savings from Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 City General funds allocated to LAHSA, subject to confirmation by the Housing and Community Investment Department and pending LAHSA repayment of the Measure H Bridge Loan on January 31, 2018.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council approve the use of Parking Lot 5 at the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, 711 N. Alameda Street for temporary use as emergency shelter for men experiencing homelessness for up to 36 months, pursuant to case law regarding the use of park land.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize and instruct the General Manager, Housing and Community Investment Department, subject to

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confirmation of available savings, to amend City Contract Number C-126258 with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to reduce by up to \$2,001,303 and reallocate this amount for construction and six (6) months operation of shelter at El Pueblo Shelter Lot 5; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the Controller to:

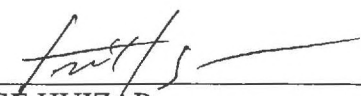
- a. Establish a new account within the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program Fund No 100/54, entitled "El Pueblo Shelter" and appropriate the amount of \$1,370,000;
- b. Increase appropriations in account 43P479 CES Crisis and Bridge within HCID General Fund Program Fund No. 10A/43 and appropriate the amount of \$631,303; and
- c. Upon receipt of the Measure H Bridge Loan repayment due from LAHSA on January 31, 2018:
 - i. Decrease \$2,001,303 from account 43P482 CES Rapid Re-housing for Singles & Youth, within Fund No. 10A/43 HCID General Fund Program; and
 - ii. Transfer cash in the amount of \$1,370,000 from Fund No. 10A/43 to the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program Fund No 100/54, account entitled "El Pueblo Shelter."

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council authorize the City Administrative Officer 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.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council request LAHSA to procure a non-profit service provider to operate a temporary crisis shelter at 711 N. Alameda for up to six (6) months through June 30, 2018, with the option to extend for a total of no more than 36 months.

I FURTHER MOVE that Council request LAHSA, with the assistance of the Homeless Coordinator, to report with recommendations to fund the operations of the Shelter beyond June 30, 2018, including a Request for Proposal for continued operations.

PRESENTED BY: _____


JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember, 14th District


SECONDED BY: _____



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