

**June 25th 2018**

**Mayor Eric Garcetti & Los Angeles City Council**

200 N. Spring St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: CIS in support of CF 18-0352 1533 Schrader Boulevard (Lot 649) / City Owned Property / Potential Crisis and Bridge Housing Facility

The Central Hollywood Neighborhood council represents tens of thousands of stakeholders who reside, own property and conduct business within our boundaries.

We support the motion introduced by Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell and seconded by Councilmember Monica Rodriguez to have the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, the Bureau of Engineering, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and any other affected City stakeholders, to evaluate the City-owned LADOT Parking Lot located at 1533 Schrader Boulevard (Lot 649) to determine if the property is suitable for development as a crisis and bridge housing facility

California's humanitarian crisis of homelessness has never been more dire and we must marshal all of our resources in solving it. The suffering and negative impacts are felt in every corner of the city, and though the 2018 Homeless count by the Los Angeles Homeless Services authority showed a 5% reduction of individuals experiencing homelessness, a population of over 23,000 unsheltered residents is still unacceptable. Hollywood was fortunate to see an 11% decrease, yet 1,318 of our neighbors must resort to sleeping on the streets, in tents, in cars, and anywhere else they can attempt to rest safely and peacefully.

We applaud the city and country for committing funds to address the problem with proven solutions, and firmly support the guiding principles of the Mayor's Comprehensive Homeless Strategy of "decriminalization, housing first, place based strategies that balance between health and safety concerns with the rights and needs of the people who are living in unacceptable conditions".

Measure HHH will provide \$1.2 Billion to provide 10,000 units of badly needed supportive housing, but it is concerning to see that, per [this](#) report in the LA Times, that number may be closer to 6,000 units, none of which will be completed until 2019. Meanwhile, our unsheltered neighbors are left with few options.

This is an emergency and should be treated as such. That is why the stakeholders of Central Hollywood, as represented by the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council board, stand firmly resolved in supporting the evaluation and eventual development of crisis and bridge housing at 1533 Shrader Boulevard with ongoing community input. We

are pleased that Mayor Garcetti has committed an additional \$20 million to fund this initiative, with up to \$1.5 M potentially available per council district, and thus, this project.

Due to the shortfall of supportive housing from Measure HHH, we ask that those funds remain solely for that purpose and any additional funding be sought elsewhere, such as Measure H revenue, as suggested by Councilmember O'Farrell in the original motion. This will allow the facility to operate as a meaningful step towards pending solutions. Those most at risk should be brought in via expanded outreach by social workers, provided continued case management and services, and other proven strategies to transition to stable housing under the supervision of LAHSA and the eventual operator of the facility.

While this bridge housing is vital, it is currently slated for 70 beds, representing only 5% of our neighbors experiencing street homelessness. We urge Councilmember O'Farrell and Councilmember Ryu to continue aggressively pursuing strategies to provide safe, humane housing for every resident of Central Hollywood, and look forward to supporting them in their efforts.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-rising-hhh-costs-20180511-story.html>