

MOTION HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

To make noticeable progress in the effort to reduce homelessness, the City of Los Angeles must include in its menu of strategies and responses a range of quick, nimble and inexpensive programs to get people off the streets and into housing. Shared housing is such a program – and the City should support and invest in it.

In February, the City of Los Angeles allocated \$50,000 for a “shared housing” pilot project with the Self-Help And Recovery Exchange (SHARE!), a local nonprofit agency. SHARE! matches individuals, including homeless persons with an income source, to housing vacancies.

The pilot project asked SHARE! to match 15 homeless people in Council District 11 with housing. Since February, SHARE! reports it has housed 24 people, including 14 chronically homeless individuals, with 6 more preparing to move into one of the 9 additional homes that SHARE! has incorporated into its shared housing network. That is a cost of less than \$2,000 per placement – significantly less expensive than most other strategies.


Expanding the use of shared housing in the City’s menu of responses to homelessness is essential. The City’s Comprehensive Homelessness Strategy (Item 7P) specifically asks LAHSA, HCID, HACLA and Department of Aging to evaluate the feasibility of the City participating in shared housing programs.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council invite representatives of SHARE! to make a presentation on their housing model, the CD11 pilot program, and the resources necessary to expand the program.


**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Homelessness Coordinator, the City Administrative Officer, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and other agencies as appropriate, report on the use of shared housing countywide, and identify available funding sources to expand the program throughout the City.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Homelessness Coordinator report on how shared housing resources can be incorporated into the range of services to be offered to residents of the facilities being constructed under the “A Bridge Home” program.

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