

## MOTION

According to the 2018 Homeless Count released by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the City has experienced a decrease in homelessness for the first time in four years. Overall homelessness decreased by five percent in the City, by 18 percent in Venice, and by 18 percent among veterans. While these numbers are a hopeful sign that efforts like Proposition HHH, Measure H, and the work of our service providers are beginning to have a positive impact, the fact remains that three out of four people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles remain unsheltered. On any given night in the City, more than 23,000 people sleep on sidewalks, in tents, in cars, or in other makeshift shelters, and nearly 2,000 people are unsheltered in Council District 11 alone. The affordable and permanent housing solutions that are so desperately needed simply cannot be built fast enough to address this humanitarian crisis.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("Metro") owns a now-vacant bus yard located at 100 Sunset Avenue in Venice. The 3.15-acre site is close to where many people experiencing homelessness in Venice are encamped. At a recent meeting, Metro's Board of Directors identified the bus yard site as one of several Metro-owned sites that could be used to provide services or temporary housing for the County's growing homeless population. Near the Brentwood community, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs also owns a significant amount of land that may also be feasible for crisis and bridge housing to serve the many veterans experiencing homelessness in the area.


In order to best address the continuing homeless crisis in the City, and help those experiencing homelessness to make the transition to stable housing, crisis and bridge housing capacity must be expanded Citywide. Therefore, City staff should evaluate the Metro bus yard site and report on its feasibility as crisis and bridge housing. City staff should also work with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to determine whether there are suitable sites on the VA's West Los Angeles campus for crisis and bridge housing.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that 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 work with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to evaluate the property located at 100 Sunset Avenue in Venice to determine if the property is suitable for development as a crisis and bridge housing facility.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that 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 work with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to determine if there are any suitable locations on the VA's West Los Angeles campus that could be used for crisis and bridge housing.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that if either site is determined suitable for development as crisis and bridge housing, the City Council instruct the City Homeless Coordinator to coordinate with Los Angeles County to identify funds for development and/or operations of the sites, including, but not limited to County Measure H revenue.

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