

MOTION

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

On September 28, 2018 Motion (Rodriguez / Bonin) was introduced and directed staff to identify opportunities to partner with the County to establish a Bridge Home facility at the Sylmar Armory located at 12860 Arroyo Street in Council District 7 (CF 18-0927). The Bridge Home program was proposed as a three-year temporary program to respond to the homeless crisis in the City and the approximately 23,000 unsheltered individuals.

The Sylmar Armory is approximately 5.1 acres of land and includes an 11,369 square foot building. The site is owned by the State of California and was recently operated as a winter shelter site. Several key features of the facility demonstrate its potential to be converted from temporary shelter to a year-round Bridge Home facility. The County, after engaging in a dialogue with the community, designated the Sylmar Armory as a bridge housing site with 85 beds for women that will be operated by LA Family Housing.

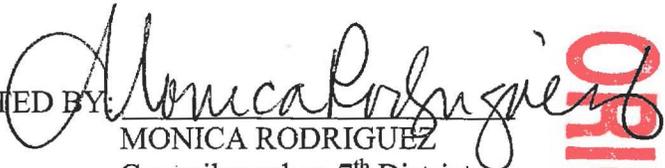
The Bridge Home program was established as part of the FY 2018-19 Budget and includes \$20M, or \$1.3 per Council District. In addition, the City also received an \$85M State Homeless Emergency Aid Grant, of which \$45M (\$3M per Council District) has been allocated to fund the Bridge Home Program.

Given that the proposed program would help address a critical community need by providing shelter and services to the vulnerable homeless-woman population, the City, in partnership with the County, should utilize available funding sources to help develop this project.

I THEREFORE MOVE that, subject to the approval of the Mayor, \$723,000 in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account 000931 (Crisis and Bridge Housing Fund) be transferred/appropriated to the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) Fund 10A General Fund program, new account Bridge Home Operations Account No. 43R696 to be used for the operation of the bridge housing project proposed for the Sylmar Armory at 12860 Arroyo Street.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer to submit to the Homeless Strategy Committee for review a funding allocation of \$3M from the \$45M Budget for Capital and Operating Support for Short-term Housing Interventions and Capital for Permanent Housing, Homeless Emergency Aid Program line item to fund operations of the Sylmar Armory.

I FURTHER MOVE that the HCID General Manager, or designee, be authorized to prepare any additional Controller instructions or make any necessary technical adjustments consistent with the Mayor and Council action in this matter, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and request the Controller to implement these instructions.

PRESENTED BY: 

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Councilmember, 7th District

SECONDED BY: 

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