

MOTION

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In April of this year, the City Council and the Mayor declared a shelter crisis in the City of Los Angeles. According to the 2018 Greater Los Angeles Point in Time Homeless Count released by Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), there are a total of 31,516 homeless individuals residing within the City, of which 23,114 are unsheltered. To respond to this crisis and the immediate need for shelter, the Mayor and Council as part of the 2018-19 Adopted Budget established the Crisis and Bridge Housing Fund, which allocates \$20 million towards temporary crisis and bridge housing facilities, with a goal of adding 50 to 100 new beds per Council District. The Budget also includes \$10M in the Unappropriated Balance that can be used to address homelessness, including augmenting sites that exceed the \$1.33M limit set by the Crisis and Bridge Housing Fund. In addition to these funds, the State created the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) which will allocate \$85M for homeless services to the City, of which Council Offices will each be provided \$3M of these funds to develop Crisis and Bridge Housing Program sites.

To help address the homeless crisis, Council District 1 is proposing to lease the property located at 1920 West 3rd, Street to be used for bridge housing for women and families who are homeless to be operated by People Assisting the Homeless (PATH). The property is owned by Los Angeles Mission and was most recently operated as a shelter by LAMP Community until December 2017.

Staff, including the City Administrative Officer, Bureau of Engineering, and other appropriate City departments has determined that this property is suitable as bridge housing for approximately 28 individual women and five (5) families. The facility will also include storage for residents, personal hygiene and laundry facilities, supportive and community engagement services, and 24-hour security. Upon execution of a lease with LA Mission, the City will sub-lease with PATH to operate the facility. Additionally, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is currently negotiating a contract with People Assisting the Homeless to manage and operate the site.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council:

1. Authorize the General Manager of the General Services Department to submit to Council for approval a report relative to the following actions:
 - a. Negotiating a three-year lease agreement with the Los Angeles Mission for the property located at 1920 West 3rd Street for bridge housing, with the option to renew at the discretion of the City Council;
 - b. Negotiating a three year sub-lease agreement with People Assisting the Homeless to operate a bridge housing facility at this site, with the option to renew at the discretion of the City Council; and
 - c. With assistance of the City Administrative Officer, identifying resources to support leasing and furniture, fixtures and equipment costs to establish a bridge housing facility on this site .

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Homeless Coordinator to coordinate with Los Angeles County to identify funds for bridge housing operations at this site, including, but not limited to County Measure H revenue.

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