

MOTION: HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

In April 2018, the Mayor and the City Council declared a shelter crisis in the City of Los Angeles. According to the 2019 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Point in Time Count released by Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), 36,300 homeless individuals reside in the City, 27,221 of whom are unsheltered. To respond to this crisis and the immediate need for shelter, the Mayor and Council allocated \$39 million in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 and 2019-20 Budgets to establish temporary crisis and bridge housing facilities, with the goal of adding 50 to 100 new beds per Council District. In addition, \$54 million has been committed within the City of Los Angeles' Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) allocation from the State of California to construct and operate A Bridge Home sites.

On March 29, 2019 the City Council adopted a Motion (Ryu – Harris-Dawson; C.F. 19-0126) instructing City staff to evaluate and report on the feasibility of using property owned by the Department of Recreation and Parks located at 3210 and 3248 Riverside Drive in Council District 4 for the purpose of establishing a bridge housing facility.

At this time, the City Administrative Officer, Bureau of Engineering (BOE), and other appropriate City departments have determined that this property is suitable for a tension membrane structure and modular trailers to establish bridge housing beds for 100 individuals. The site will also include storage for residents, personal hygiene and laundry facilities, supportive and community engagement services, and 24-hour security. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) will identify a service provider to operate the facility.

In order to assess the site feasibility, the BOE conducted a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis of the proposed use of the site according to State Assembly Bill 1197 and Council must approve the BOE's determination that this use is exempt from CEQA.

At this time, funds in the amount of \$1,465,000 are needed to complete project design and purchase the tension membrane structure and modular buildings for the site. The Bureau of Engineering will release a Request for Bids to identify a firm to construct the facility. Upon completion of this process, additional funds will be recommended for construction based on the amount of the winning bid.

The City of Los Angeles expects to receive \$117,562,500 from the State of California Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) grant; however, these funds are not anticipated to be available until early 2020. The Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, the State agency that administers HHAP, has confirmed that pre-award capital costs may be reimbursed with HHAP. A Reserve Fund loan is needed to ensure that construction of the bridge housing facility at 3210 and 3248 Riverside Drive is not delayed. This loan will be repaid upon receipt of the City's HHAP allocation.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council:

1. **DIRECT** the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to issue a Request for Bids to identify a firm to construct an A Bridge Home facility on property owned by the Department of Recreation and Parks located at 3210 and 3248 Riverside Drive;

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2. APPROVE funds in the amount of \$1,465,000 to complete design and purchase the tension membrane structure and modular trailers for the A Bridge Home facility at 3210 and 3248 Riverside Drive; and
 - a. Authorize the Controller to process a Reserve Fund loan in the amount of \$1,465,000 to support the project, which will be reimbursed through State of California Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) grant receipts; and
 - b. Instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to reimburse the Reserve Fund Loan upon receipt of the City's HHAP grant award.
3. Establish a new account within the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program Fund No 100/54, entitled "Bridge Housing – Riverside Drive" and appropriate the amount of \$1,465,000; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the Controller be authorized to transfer \$1,465,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program Fund No 100/54 account entitled "Bridge Housing – Riverside Drive."

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO be instructed to request funds for construction once a contractor is selected to build the A Bridge Home facility at this site and construction costs are determined.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Homeless Coordinator to coordinate with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the County of Los Angeles and the State of California to identify funds for interim housing operations at this site, including, but not limited to County Measure H revenue, LAHSA and County HHAP allocations, or additional State funding.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO be directed to prepare any additional Controller instructions to reimburse City Departments for their accrued labor, material or permit costs related to this project from the "Bridge Housing – Riverside Drive" account consistent with the Mayor and Council action on this matter, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO be authorized to prepare any additional Controller instructions or make any necessary technical adjustments in the above fund transfer instruction to implement the intent of this motion.

PRESENTED BY: 
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Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY: 