

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY
MOTION

There is a homelessness crisis in the City of Los Angeles. According to the 2019 Point-in-time Homeless Count, there are approximately 36,300 homeless individuals in the City of Los Angeles. To address this crisis, the City has approved a multifaceted Comprehensive Homelessness Strategy, voters have approved additional revenues for homeless housing and services, and members of the City Council have pledged to provide an equal share of permanent supportive housing (PSH) in each of their districts.


St. Barnabas is an Episcopal Church at 2109 Chickasaw Ave in Eagle Rock in Council District 14. This is an area of the City which is desperately lacking in bridge housing options for families experiencing homelessness. The Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles has announced that the church has gone dormant for at least three years. The Church has approached the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to explore using the site for bridge housing for families experiencing homelessness.

Initial examination of the site by LAHSA has indicated that it could house approximately 12 families. While operational costs may be available through LAHSA's existing family housing program, LAHSA is in the process of estimating capital improvements that would be necessary to make the site feasible for use as family housing.

In order to address the need for bridge housing for families in Eagle Rock, the City should participate in LAHSA's evaluation and explore funding sources for the improvements needed to convert St. Barnabas Episcopal Church into bridge housing for families.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst, with support from Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and other departments as necessary, to report on needed investments to enable the use of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church at 2109 Chickasaw Ave as bridge housing for families experiencing homelessness and recommend funding options.

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