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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 which 1,540 are unsheltered and experiencing homelessness in Council District 8.

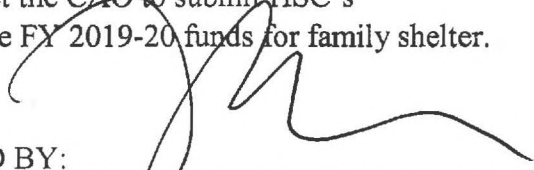
To address this ongoing need, last year, as part of the State's Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 Budget, the State provided the City \$85 million through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). For the upcoming 2019-20 fiscal year, the Governor's Proposed Revised Budget includes \$275M in homeless emergency aid funding for the 16 most populous California cities. In anticipation of the receipt of the FY 2019-20 State funds, and consistent with the City Council's HEAP program (CF 18-0628), State funding requests are to be reviewed by the Homeless Strategy Committee and submitted to Council for approval.

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has advised that in the City of Los Angeles portion of Los Angeles County Service Planning Area (SPA) Six, which includes Council District (CD) 8, there continues to be a great need for emergency/crisis/temporary shelter beds. Furthermore, LAHSA advises that approximately 70 percent of SPA six homeless residents are unsheltered.

To help address this unsheltered homelessness crisis the City has established the A Bridge Home Program to expand shelter in each Council District, including at the 5965 St. Andrews Place site in CD 8, which will include 100 shelter beds. However, despite this program additional emergency aid is needed immediately. Given that the City has established a process to fund CD priorities through the HEAP grant allocation, funds should be set aside from the State's FY 2019-20 Homeless Budget allocation to the City to provide motel vouchers and congregate family housing to CD 8 residents.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to submit to the Homeless Strategy Committee (HSC) for review a funding request totaling \$2,299,500 that includes \$1,423,500 to provide motel vouchers to 30 families, and \$876,000 for congregate family housing for 30 families in Council District 8; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the CAO to submit HSC's recommendation to Council relative to the use of State FY 2019-20 funds for family shelter.

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