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Many factors have contributed to the current homelessness crisis. One key aspect that needs to be recognized as a contributing factor is the issue of housing affordability. The gravity of the current housing crisis is in many ways exacerbating the homelessness problem. From building enough affordable units, to anti-eviction protections, to updating our Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO), and figuring out ways to expand rent protections to more residents, there is a laundry list of things that need to be done to assist with housing affordability in Los Angeles.

It is estimated that over 700,000 residents are paying nearly 50% of their income on housing. According to a recent report, in the Los Angeles, a renter earning the city's \$13.25 minimum wage would have needed to work 79 hours per week to comfortably afford a typical one bedroom apartment. Construction of new affordable units is not keeping pace the amount of units necessary to provide the adequate supply for the city's affordable housing needs.

Recently neighboring cities like Inglewood and Culver City have begun to take steps to attempt to provide rent relief for residents. With the homelessness crisis reaching epic proportions, this Council is now looking to determine how we can prevent more individuals from falling into homelessness by making adjustments to our housing policies.

I THEREFORE MOVE that LAHSA and HCID be requested to report on prevention measures and programs that have been implemented to stall the tide of individuals entering homelessness. What strategies have been implemented to focus on this population and whether adjustments need to be made to the Comprehensive Homelessness Strategy to better serve this population?

I FURTHER MOVE that CLA and CAO be requested to work with LAHSA to identify existing funding gaps that the City can help to address, in order to fully fund the Family System and expand services to get families out of crisis housing and into permanent housing.

I FURTHER MOVE that HCID be requested to report back within 30 days on status of CF 14-0268-s14, which requests a review of RSO and recommendations for adjustment.

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