

MOTION HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

There is a homelessness crisis in the state of California and in the City of Los Angeles. According to the 2019 Point-in-time (PIT) Homeless Count, there are approximately 36,300 homeless individuals in the City of Los Angeles. To address this need, the City has established A Bridge Home program that serves as an interim housing strategy for unsheltered homeless individuals in the City.

The Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) has collaborated with the City to establish and operate a bridge housing site at 1215 Lodi Place in Council District 13. It has been in operation since November of 2018. The site currently includes 64 beds and is in the process of expanding. The expansion will include 60 additional beds, 30 for transition age youth (TAY) and 30 for adult women. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is working with the County to contract with the service provider for the operations of the beds. Los Angeles County will provide funding for the 30 TAY beds and has committed to provide funding for the adult women beds once funds are identified. The County has requested that the City provide funding for the adult women beds in the interim.

In order to effectuate the additional floor expansion, the City should instruct staff to negotiate a lease with YWCA for an additional floor in the existing bridge home site and a sublease with People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) for the 60 new beds. In addition, funds should be identified for operations of 30 adult women beds and for the lease with YWCA for the second and third floors.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council:

1. **AUTHORIZE** the General Manager of the General Services Department, with the assistance of City Homeless Coordinator, to negotiate and submit to Council for approval a report relative to the following actions:
 - a. A lease agreement with the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) for the property located at 1215 Lodi Place for second and third floors which will accommodate an additional 60 beds; and
 - b. A sub-lease agreement with the People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) to operate a bridge housing facility at this site.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst to identify interim operational funding for 30 adult women beds and for the lease of the second and third floors; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst to work with Los Angeles County to determine timeline for on-going funding for the beds and ensure a smooth transition.

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