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According to the 2019 Greater Los Angeles Point in Time Homeless Count released by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), there are a total of 36,165 homeless individuals residing within the City of Los Angeles, of which, 27,221 are unsheltered.

The privately-owned property located at 1479 S. La Cienega Boulevard in Council District 5 should be evaluated for the crisis and bridge housing program. The existing building on the lot is a recently renovated motel in a C2-1-0 zone and would allow for by-right use as a shelter.

In order to best address the problem of homelessness in the City, and help homeless individuals make the transition to stable housing, homeless shelter bed capacity should be expanded Citywide. Therefore, staff should be instructed to evaluate the property and report on its feasibility as crisis and bridge housing.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, the Bureau of Engineering, the General Services Department, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and any other affected City stakeholders, to evaluate the property at 1479 S. La Cienega Boulevard to determine if the property is suitable and could be available for use as emergency shelter as part of the "A Bridge Home" program;

I FURTHER MOVE that the General Manager, General Services Department, be authorized to submit a report to Council relative to negotiating a lease agreement for the property located at 1479 La Cienega Boulevard, with the option to renew at the discretion of the City Council; and

I FURTHER MOVE that if the property is determined to be suitable and available for this use that the City Council instruct the City Homeless Coordinator to coordinate with the County of Los Angeles to identify funds for operations at the site, including, but not limited to County Measure H funds.

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