

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

**MOTION**

There is a homelessness crisis in the City of Los Angeles. The 2019 Annual Point-in-Time Count (Count) found 36,165 people experiencing homelessness in the City, including an estimated 9,573 people sleeping in their vehicles. In Council District 4, the Count estimated 262 people are living in 86 cars and trucks, and 74 are living in RVs.

Safe Parking programs provide families and individuals that dwell in their cars not only a safe, secure place to sleep at night and access to restrooms, but they also connect homeless residents to service providers for case management, housing navigation, and other supportive services with the goal of getting people housed.

To help address this ongoing crisis, Council District 4 is proposing the use of a parking lot in Van Nuys to establish a Safe Parking program with case management that could enroll 20-25 vehicles nightly, including potentially RVs.

The City's Department of Recreation and Parks currently leases this parcel of land next to 15380 Oxnard St. near the 405 freeway (APN # 2243001903) from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as part of the larger, long-term Sepulveda basin master lease.

The State of California is issuing the Homeless, Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) block grant to cities that are working to solve this humanitarian crisis. This program would fall under eligibility category 5: Street Strategy, Outreach, Public Health, and Hygiene, and State Eligible Use 4. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority periodically releases Safe Parking Request for Proposals, which could be a future source of funding for this program.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst to submit to the Homelessness Strategy Committee a request of approximately \$266,000 from category 5: Street Strategy, Outreach, Public Health, and Hygiene of the State's pending Homeless, Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program grant to develop a Safe Parking program at the City-leased parking lot next to 15380 Oxnard St. in Council District 4.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that if the site is not funded by the Homeless, Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program, that the City Administrative Officer report to Council with alternative funding sources, including potential collaboration with the County of Los Angeles, at the time grant funding is committed.

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