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According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Point-In-Time Count in 2019, there are approximately 36,165 individuals experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles, of which 2,953 are in Council District 13.

In the community of Echo Park, a pilot program to offer safe parking at Edendale Branch Library has launched. The Mobile Pit Stop Program, which provides restroom facilities to maintain hygiene and keep streets healthy, has been met with great success. Council District 13 has instructed staff to evaluate a site for storage, and has been partnering with a local business to offer free laundry services and provide access to clean clothes and bedding for people experiencing homelessness.

A permanent supportive housing project is being planned, which will accommodate up to 100 affordable units and offer supportive services, as well as provide recreational space for local youth. The City is also in the process of amending the municipal code to temporarily allow 24 hour public access to Echo Park restrooms for a six-month period.

The ability to sleep in a safe and reliable place is an essential need for unsheltered individuals who are seeking access to social services and housing. Due to the increase of the unsheltered homelessness in the area, there is a need for a safe place in the community of Echo Park for unhoused residents to gain access to services that will assist them in finding housing placements and other resources. Therefore, staff should be instructed to evaluate City and privately owned properties in the area that may be feasible to provide emergency shelter and access to services to people experiencing homelessness in the area.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of relevant City departments, to evaluate City-owned and privately owned properties to provide emergency shelter to the unsheltered population in the community of Echo Park and report on potential capacity, security needs, and hours of operation, types of services, and cost; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst submit to the Homeless Strategy Committee for review a funding request to use the State's Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention grant for this purpose, and/or any other potential funding sources.

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