

MOTIONTO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

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On February 14, 2020, a motion was introduced (C.F. 20-0214), instructing staff to evaluate City-owned and private properties to provide emergency shelter to the unsheltered homeless population in the community of Echo Park. St. Paul's Commons Church has been identified as a suitable site for overnight shelter for up to 30 individuals and First to Serve has been identified to operate the site. The shelter will operate at this site for a minimum of eight (8) weeks. An alternate site, with up to 60 beds, is being identified to continue services beyond this time.

Additionally, on February 21, 2020, Council adopted a motion (C.F. 20-0140), which instructed staff to evaluate the feasibility of utilizing Department of Transportation Lot #676 at 1146 Glendale Boulevard in Echo Park for a storage facility. Staff has determined the site to be feasible for storage and has identified Chrysalis Enterprises as the operator. The site consists of nine parking spaces, which will be removed in order to accommodate CONEX boxes with storage bins.

In order to ensure rapid commencement of these critical storage services in the Echo Park community, the City Council should instruct the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to use existing City funding for this purpose through June 30, 2020 and authorize the transfer of funds to the Bureau of Sanitation for costs associated with establishing the new storage facility. Additional funds should also be approved to continue to operate these facilities in Fiscal Year 2020-21.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council find that a significant number of persons within the immediate vicinity of Echo Park Lake are without the ability to obtain shelter, resulting in a threat to their health and safety; and that First to Serve, a non-profit corporation, currently contracted with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to provide shelter services, is qualified to meet the needs and serve public purposes which benefit the City of Los Angeles.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council, subject to approval of the Mayor:

1. REQUEST the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to:
 - a. Use Program Year 25 Emergency Solutions Grant emergency shelter funding, in the amount of up to \$256,800, to contract with First To Serve to operate a temporary shelter for up to one (1) year in the vicinity of Echo Park as follows:
 - i. At least eight weeks at St. Paul's Commons Church,
 - ii. Additional time, up to a total of one (1) year, pending site identification; and
 - b. Use a total of \$314,622 in City General Funds, including existing City General Funds allocated to LAHSA for CES Navigation Centers operations (\$84,622) and funds recommended in this Motion (\$230,000), to contract with Chrysalis Enterprises to operate a storage facility at the Department of Transportation Lot #676 at 1146 Glendale Boulevard beginning no sooner than March 15, 2020 through June 30, 2021;
2. APPROVE \$291,355 from the Additional Homeless Services line item within the General City Purposes No. 100/56 for the storage facility at 1146 Glendale Boulevard as follows:
 - a. \$230,000 to operate the facility for one (1) year beginning on July 1, 2020;
 - b. \$61,355 for Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation costs to clear and prepare the site for use as a storage facility; and
 - c. Authorize HCIDLA to add \$230,000 to the City's FY 2020-21 General Fund contract with LAHSA for this storage program.

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I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council Authorize the Controller to:

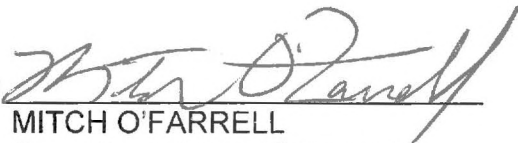
1. Transfer \$291,355 from the Additional Homeless Services line item within the General City Purposes No. 100/56 as follows:
 - a. Transfer \$230,000 to the Housing and Community Investment Department Fund 10A/43S795 Coordinated Entry System (CES) Navigation Centers for costs associated with operating a storage facility at the Department of Transportation Lot #676 at 1146 Glendale Boulevard for one (1) year, beginning July 1, 2020;
 - b. Transfer \$6,250 to the Solid Waste Resources Revenue Fund, Fund 508/50 Department RSC 530100, Reimbursement from Other Funds for costs associated with clearing and preparing the Department of Transportation Lot #676 at 1146 Glendale Boulevard for a storage facility; and
 - c. Transfer \$55,105 to the Department of Public Works – Bureau of Sanitation, Fund 100/82 Appropriation Unit 006020, Operating Supplies for costs associated with clearing and preparing the Department of Transportation Lot #676 at 1146 Glendale Boulevard for a storage facility.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO and Housing and Community Investment Department be directed and LAHSA be requested to: (a) expedite the siting and location of temporary shelter beds within the immediate vicinity of Echo Park Lake; and ensure program readiness by March 15, 2020; (b) enter into a contract with First to Serve to operate up to 60 beds of overnight shelter within the vicinity of Echo Park Lake for a period of up to one (1) year, starting on or around March 15, 2020.

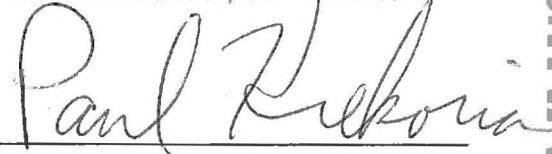
I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation be instructed to remove the nine parking spaces, parking meters, and posted signs from the parking lot to accommodate the storage facility; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of other departments as necessary, be directed to prepare Controller instructions or make any necessary technical and/or accounting corrections or clarifications consistent with the Mayor and Council action in this matter, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

PRESENTED BY:


MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY:



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