

MOTION

In February 2016, a Comprehensive Homeless Strategy (CHS) was adopted by the City to address the homelessness crisis. In response to Strategy 7D of the CHS, "Using Public Land for Affordable and Homeless Housing," the City Administrative Officer (CAO) initiated the Affordable Housing Opportunity Sites (AHOS) Program utilizing surplus City-owned property.

As part of the FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget process, eight potential sites were identified for affordable and homeless housing, including 283 West Imperial Highway (Site). The Site was included in a Request for Qualifications/Proposals released by the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) in March of 2017. The selected developer, Clifford Beers Housing (Developer), was approved by City Council and the Mayor in October 2017 and an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement was signed in December 2017 (C.F. 12-0049-S10). The Developer's proposal, *Isla de Los Angeles*, includes a 54-unit supportive housing development constructed from recycled shipping containers, on-site amenities, and commercial space.

Isla de Los Angeles presents an opportunity to integrate an innovative development with the surrounding community context by designing a shared street typology. In neighborhoods where the context is appropriate, a shared street provides a slow-speed environment where cars, bikes, pedestrians, and scooters are able to all comfortably utilize the same space. The addition of landscaping and other traffic calming elements could enhance community aesthetics and reinforce the safety aspects of a shared street on Athens Way, which borders *Isla de Los Angeles*. A shared street concept should consider, per the City of Los Angeles Complete Streets Design Guide, designing for a target operating speed of 5 mph. This approach can improve accessibility and livability for residents of the new supportive housing development proposed on the Site.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of City Planning, the Department of Public Works, and the Department of Transportation, with assistance from the Housing and Community Investment Department, the City Administrative Officer, and the Chief Legislative Analyst to evaluate the project proposed by Clifford Beers known as *Isla de Los Angeles*, located at 283 West Imperial Highway as a pilot project, collaborate to create a procedure to approve and permit Athens Way between West 113th Street and Imperial Highway as a shared street, and report within 14 days.

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