

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to improving the Augmented Winter Shelter (AWS) Program and better managing weather-related emergencies.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Raman – Soto-Martinez):

INSTRUCT the Emergency Management Department, with assistance from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and 211LA, and in consultation with the Mayor's Office, to report to Council within 30 days with a plan to improve the AWS Program and better manage weather-related emergencies, including:

- a. A clear delineation of responsibilities for major weather emergency preparation and response, including which City departments are involved in the decision-making process for AWS activations.
- b. Identification of communication channels for critical safety information between City departments and non-City entities, including how and when AWS activation is communicated.
- c. An emergency plan for augmenting outreach or other staffing capacity during periods of AWS activations during weekends and holidays.
- d. A plan to implement structural, operational and financial improvements to the AWS Program, using recommendations from the 211LA "After Action Report: AWS" dated May 3, 2023 as a reference.
- e. Other lessons learned pertaining to the activation of the AWS program during the February 2024 rains.


Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on March 20, 2024, your Housing and Homelessness Committee considered a Motion (Raman – Soto-Martinez) relative to improving the AWS Program and better managing weather-related emergencies.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation contained in the Motion, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted, 

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RAMAN:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	ABSENT
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	ABSENT
LEE:	YES