

MOTION

Permanent Supportive Housing Program

The City of Los Angeles has recently committed to a multi-year strategy to help combat homelessness, and to achieving functional zero. The recently adopted Homeless Strategic Report (HSR) notes long term solutions to achieve this goal would focus on housing the chronically homeless, specifically policies aimed at increasing the City's Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).

PSH has been shown to be the most appropriate and effective housing intervention for the chronically homeless, not only because of its provision of affordable housing, but also because it includes wraparound services tailored to the needs of the individual or family services that lead them to stabilize their housing and improve health outcomes, according to the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, and as cited in the HSR.

The City's Homeless Strategic Report identified a need to build a total of 1,000 permanent supportive housing units per year, an increase of 700 units from its current goal of 300 per year or a 300% increase. Over \$1.85 billion will be needed over 10 years to meet this accelerated building demand.

In order to meet said production goals, the City will need to explore both new funding sources and land use incentives to achieve said goals. To be really successful, it will require reducing the entitlement and processing time each project needs from initial land contract to construction start from approximately 2.5 years to one year.

The best strategy moving forward is to define and adopt a Permanent Supportive Housing Program (PSHP). This would allow for a defined approach on incentives, process, and potentially funding.

A Permanent Supportive Housing Program would create a new Housing category that would allow for the development of performance standards with possible ministerial actions embedded throughout the process; helping to reach the goal of building the 1,000 unit goal per year.

The biggest benefit in adopting a new Permanent Supportive Housing Program (PSHP) would be for the opportunity to adopt a program EIR. A program EIR would allow more flexibility than a project specific study, and can accommodate multiple approaches to project delivery, including the development of the additional permanent supportive housing units needed to tackle Los Angeles Homeless crisis.

I THEREFORE MOVE the City Council instruct the Housing Department and the Planning Department, with assistance of the City Attorney report on a new Permanent Supportive Housing Program, including the drafting of a program EIR that would incorporate strategies highlighted in the HOUSE LA initiative, the Homeless Strategic Report, and any other policies that may allow for the efficient and expedited construction of Permanent Supportive Housing.

I FURTHER MOVE the City Council instruct HCID/LA to report on creating an Accelerated PSH Pipeline that entitles projects to expedited processing, access to SHLF loan funds, initiates required public notice process related to bond issuance to give projects access to the non-competitive, underutilized 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credits, and assures monitoring of applicable building and financing requirements

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