

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS REPORT relative to the use of the Coordinated Entry System (CES) to improve the delivery of homeless services.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. CONTINUE to support and implement the Home for Good Plan to end homelessness using the coordinated entry systems detailed in the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA) report dated June 17, 2015 (attached to Council file No. 14-0655). This includes providing sufficient funding for Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and City departments to adequately support the CES through necessary infrastructure and staffing, outreach and engagement, bridge housing, and the Homeless Management Information Systems to track assessments, prioritize homeless clients, and match clients with appropriate housing resources.
2. CONTINUE to support and increase funding for the Homeless Families Solutions System (HFSS) administered by LAHSA and currently funded by the City and the County of Los Angeles (County). City funding to LAHSA for HFSS for Program Year/Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 is \$2,800,970. The HCIDLA recommends a minimum of \$3,750,000 annually, which would allow the program to house an additional 500 families. Additionally, LAHSA should be instructed to evaluate the gap annually and report back on the funding necessary to address it.
3. EVALUATE the need for additional bridge housing, which provides 24-hour emergency beds to high acuity homeless persons identified through the CES while permanent supportive housing placements are in process.
4. EVALUATE the current number of emergency/crisis housing beds and the crisis housing system for sufficiency and effectiveness.
5. DIRECT the HCIDLA to investigate methods to use the CES and HFSS to fill a portion of new and turnover units in non-Permanent Supportive Housing affordable housing projects funded through the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund with low-acuity homeless individuals and families, in conjunction with affordable housing developers and other relevant parties.
6. REQUIRE that homeless programs funded by the City using federal Emergency Solutions Grant and Community Development Block Grant funds, City General Funds or other City funds, participate in the regional CES or other equivalent entry system for the specific population (single adults, families, or youth), to the extent practicable.
7. SUPPORT integration of the CES, the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization and Decision Assistance Tool, and other sub-population assessment instruments into LAHSA's Homeless Management Information System as the primary platform for the Los Angeles Continuum of Care, and then direct all City funded homeless service providers and agencies to use the system.
8. REQUIRE that City-funded homeless programs leverage, to the extent possible, other homeless funds provided by Los Angeles County, Housing Authority of the City of Los

Angeles, Home for Good Collaborative, Veterans Administration, or other sources, and that City homeless programs collaborate with these agencies and programs to ensure that efforts are coordinated and avoid duplication of services.

9. EVALUATE existing homeless funding and services, and review and analyze the County's homeless programs and funding for homelessness to ensure the best use of City funds and avoid duplication and overlap.
10. IDENTIFY additional resources for permanent supportive and affordable housing and supportive services. Without additional funding the City will be unable to house its chronically homeless and homeless population.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the HCIDLA. Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

### SUMMARY

At a special meeting held on June 18, 2015, the Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness considered a report from the HCIDLA dated June 17, 2015 relative to how funding to house chronically homeless people can be maximized through the Coordinated Entry System.

Representatives of the HCIDLA, HACLA, LAHSA, and the United Way of Los Angeles addressed the Committee on the matter and responded to related questions.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved the recommendations in the HCIDLA report. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HUIZAR:	YES
BONIN:	YES
FUENTES:	YES
PRICE:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES

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