

## MOTION

The City of Los Angeles is experiencing a tremendous homelessness crisis - exacerbated and in large part caused by an equally pressing and severe housing crisis.

In February, both the City and the County of Los Angeles approved comprehensive homeless strategies. The plans are multi-faceted, but both of them clearly state that it is imperative for the region to build significantly more affordable housing. Each community in Los Angeles will need to do its part.

The City's Comprehensive Homeless Strategy (CHS) makes several recommendations to increase the inventory of affordable housing and housing for the homeless. In particular, the CHS recommends the City offer city-owned properties, including surface parking lots, as potential locations for the development of homeless or affordable housing. In Venice, with the skyrocketing costs of real estate, using publicly-owned property may be one of the only ways affordable housing can be built.

The City's Department of Transportation currently manages over 118 City-owned parking facilities, including several surface parking lots located in Venice where parking is often difficult to find and where land for developing new parking facilities is scarce. In 2014, Council District 11 released a Request for Information (RFI) for potential development of additional parking capacity on City-owned parking lots in Venice. The RFI contemplated the development of automated parking structures to increase parking capacity and also contemplated the development of affordable housing on the City-owned lots in an effort to address two of the pressing issues facing Venice.

Through that RFI process, it was determined that Parking Lot #731 was the best option for development of public parking along with affordable housing. Lot #731 is located at 200 North Venice Boulevard and is bounded on the east by Dell Avenue, on the west by Pacific Avenue, and on the north and south by North and South Venice Boulevards respectively.

Given that there are more than 1,000 homeless people in Venice alone, and given the clear need to provide significantly more homeless housing to help end our homelessness crisis, it is prudent and appropriate for the City of Los Angeles to seek proposals for development of affordable housing for the homeless on Lot #731. Such a project could house dozens of people and families, could provide significant community benefit, could be constructed in a manner compatible with the community, and could be built to maintain or perhaps even increase the amount of available public parking.



I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, with the assistance of the Housing and Community Investment Department, to prepare and release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide for an affordable housing project to serve homeless persons, along with replacement parking and an appropriate mix of additional public parking and/or other uses as necessary to comply with the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan at the City-owned and managed Parking Lot #731 located at 200 North Venice Boulevard;

I FURTHER MOVE that the RFP require any project to be consistent with the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan, that it include elements to ensure neighborhood compatibility, that it increase public access to parking, and that the applicant for the project undertake significant community outreach leading up to and during the project's entitlement process.

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