

MOTION

The Self Help And Recovery Exchange (SHARE!) is a local, successful example of the concept of shared housing which assists our efforts to reduce the City's homelessness population. This type of housing is a potential fast and cost-effective solution to those who need immediate housing. Shared housing is recognized nationally by Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) operating under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as an evidence-based best practice.

SHARE! matches individuals, including homeless persons or people at-risk of homelessness with their own source of income to housing vacancies. SHARE! advises that approximately 30% of homeless people in the County are eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in the amount of approximately \$900 per month, which could help offset the cost of rental costs in some of the SHARE! units. The Affordable Living for the Aging (ALA) advises that there are approximately 60 shared housing programs nationwide.

This type of housing model should be more fully included and funded in the City's overall efforts to reduce homelessness. LAHSA recently undertook two pilot programs to investigate the feasibility of shared housing and learn best practices to potentially expand this model Citywide. Service Planning Area (SPA) 5 provider, however, was not included in this pilot nor have funds been provided for the Peer Bridger, an essential staff position who manages the process and ensures successful outcomes.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer (CAO) be instructed to work with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to identify funding in the amount of \$50,000 from project savings from within the existing City and LAHSA homelessness budgets for a shared housing pilot program in Council District 11 as further described in the text of this Motion.

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