

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY MOTION

Beginning in 1999, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) initiated the Voluntary Residential Acquisition and Relocation Program to acquire residential properties at the request of the homeowners and residents who were living under the flight path in Manchester Square, a neighborhood located just east of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) bounded by Century Boulevard to the south, Aviation Boulevard to the west, Arbor Vitae Street to the north, and La Cienega Boulevard to the east. On a voluntary basis, LAWA has worked diligently to acquire a majority of residential properties which are incompatible land uses under the LAX flight path, has successfully relocated tenants in Manchester Square, has secured its property with fencing and provided security patrol for the area. LAWA is continuing to complete the remaining acquisitions and tenant relocations as part of its noise compatibility program. Unfortunately, over the years, the homeless population in the Southern California region has grown, and a population of over 250 individuals experiencing homelessness have set up encampments in the parkways adjacent to LAWA property, and parked their cars and recreational vehicles on public streets located in Manchester Square.

In January of 2016, City of Los Angeles Councilmember Mike Bonin initiated the Manchester Square Task Force in partnership with Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, LAWA, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), non-profit outreach service provider People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), and other City and County Departments including the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Los Angeles World Airports Police Division (LAWA PD) and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. The Task Force is a multidisciplinary team focused on coordinating efforts to provide outreach services and housing opportunities to homeless individuals residing in Manchester Square, and maintain a high quality of life for the remaining residents still living in the neighborhood. To date, the Task Force has established personal relationships with at least 160 homeless individuals, provided at least 109 of those individuals with housing navigation and mental health services, and 7 of them with permanent supportive housing. The Task Force continues to provide on-going safety and security for the remaining residents and school located on-site, and maintains the health and cleanliness of the neighborhood; yet more needs to be done to move the remaining individuals into housing.

LAWA is currently undertaking a \$5.5 billion modernization program at LAX focused on improving access to and from the airport, reducing traffic congestion and enhancing the overall passenger experience. This project, the LAX Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP), includes the development of a Consolidated Rental Car Facility (CONRAC) in the Manchester Square site that would displace the remaining homeless residents. As LAWA moves forward with establishing a start date for the construction of these facilities, we must identify a variety of alternatives and funding sources in order to provide each of the homeless individuals residing in Manchester Square with proper relocation options, including additional access to interim and/or permanent supportive housing, medical services, and other resources.

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I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council request that the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) staff, and other City and County Departments, as necessary, report back to the Innovation, Grants, Technology, Commerce and Trade Committee, within 60 days on the following:

1. Present options for how LAWA can utilize existing relocation funds to maintain a safe environment for the community and address ongoing concerns in Manchester Square; and
2. Present a strategic plan that includes funding options for a multidisciplinary team tasked with providing each homeless individual in Manchester Square with permanent supportive housing, ongoing supportive services to achieve housing stability, and / or other relocation options; and
3. Present options for how LAWA can participate in LAHSA's on-going development and implementation of a Safe Parking Program for the City and County of Los Angeles; and
4. Present a comprehensive plan, with milestone dates, detailing how LAHSA, LAWA, and other City partners will utilize the options listed above, and other strategies, to address homelessness in Manchester Square in advance of the start of airport construction associated with LAMP

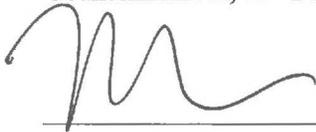
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