

MOTION ENTERTAINMENT AND FACILITIES

There is a growing population of people experiencing homelessness in and around the Civic Center and the Downtown area. This is reflected in the recent release of the Homeless Count data, which shows a 20% increase in homelessness since last year across the City.

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) coordinates homeless services throughout Los Angeles. LAHSA's mission is to "support, create and sustain solutions to homelessness in Los Angeles County by providing leadership, advocacy, planning and management of program funding."

The City currently has a vacant kiosk located at 201 N. Los Angeles St. #10c (adjacent to City Hall East) that is approximately 403 sq. ft. (kiosk). A Chase Bank ATM was previously located at this site.


In an effort to combat homelessness in the City, LAHSA has proposed to occupy the kiosk as a satellite deployment station for LAHSA outreach workers and operate an information desk to provide resources and referrals related to homelessness. The information desk will be operated by employees from LAHSA and is proposed to be augmented with volunteers trained in crisis response techniques and student interns. The space will require some tenant improvement work, for example, to allow computer and internet access.

The City should lease the vacant kiosk to LAHSA in order to provide an additional resource to address homelessness and to facilitate an increased presence of LAHSA in the Civic Center area.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of General Services (GSD), in consultation with the City Attorney, to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) for the City-owned property located at 201 N. Los Angeles Street #10c (kiosk adjacent to City Hall East) for use as a homeless services satellite deployment station and information desk.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council authorize GSD, in consultation with the City Attorney, to issue the appropriate Right of Entry permit(s), and any other necessary documents to LAHSA, if needed, in order to allow them access to this property should they need to assess what tenant improvements may be needed at the site.


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